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French diplomacy

The great flipflop

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It was not a triumphant week for French diplomacy.

Diplomats should be diplomatic, but France's foreign minister, Claude Cheysson, turned this well-worn dictum on its head.

In this embarrassing episode, he delighted and disappointed Israel and infuriated and mollified the European Economic Community and the Arabs.

It was, to put it mildly, a flipflop of grande proportions.

Cheysson, in Israel for a 24-hour visit, sent tremors across Europe and the Middle East by declaring that the EEC should not get involved in peace initiatives in the region.

"It is not our business to present proposals and plans and it is not the business of Europe either," he said. "This has been the French position since President Francois Mitterand took office."

Claude Cheysson
. . . broken promise

Cheysson, in effect, was pouring cold water on the 1980 Venice Declaration, which Israel has rejected. It backs full self-determination for the Palestinians, declares that the PLO should be "associated with" peace negotiations and calls on Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's foreign minister, was very pleased, saying that France and Israel had achieved a new level of mutual understanding on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

"We noted with satisfaction that there will be no more European initiatives in the area," Shamir said.

France and Israel now saw "eye to eye on the fact that Camp David is a central factor . . . ," he said.

Judging by the exchanges in Jerusalem between Shamir and Cheysson, observers began to wonder whether France was embarking on a new Middle Eastern policy that would be less pro-Arab and more even-handed.

They needn't have bothered.

Within hours, after complaints from the EEC and the Arabs poured into the French foreign ministry, furious backtracking was evident in Paris. [Cont'd. on page 23]

Sadat honored for service to people of world

BOSTON —

Reform Jews last week honored the late President Anwar Sadat of Egypt with their annual award for "service to the world community."

Ashraf Ghorbal, Cairo's ambassador to the U.S., accepted the posthumous award at the 56th biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here in the presence of Ephraim Evron, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., and Samuel Lewis, U.S. ambassador to Israel.

Some 4,000 delegates to the convention of the UAHC, central body of Reform Judaism in the U.S., watched as Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler presented Ambassador Ghorbal with the award, named for the late president of the UAHC, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath.

In accepting the award, Ambassador Ghorbal hailed the slain Egyptian president as "a leader of great vision" and said his successor, President Hosni Mubarak, was "a man in Sadat's image, committed to strengthening normal relations with Israel and to fulfilling the commitments of the Camp David accords."

The Egyptian diplomat stressed Egypt's eagerness "to pursue autonomy talks on the status of the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank." He urged Israel to "change its attitude do away with its unhappy image as an occupier and create a relaxed atmosphere that would induce Palestinians to join the autonomy talks."

Ghorbal added: "Egypt despite three decades of fear, doubt and misconceptions," can fill the role of bridge between Israel and the Palestinians."

Ghorbal also urged that the ceasefire in Lebanon be expanded into a peace treaty as "the first step toward mutual recognition by Israelis and Palestinians."

Ambassador Lewis, in a rare public appearance, said "the danger of war in the Middle East has receded." He added: "The United States and Israel now enjoy an open, de facto relationship as symbolized by the signing of the strategic co-operation memorandum of understanding by Secretary of Defence Weinberger and Israeli Defence Minister Sharon.

While acknowledging "enduring disconnects in the U.S.-Israel circuit because of differing roles, responsibilities, assessments and expectations," Lewis declared: "There has been no erosion in the deep historic, bipartisan American commitment to Israel's security and permanence."

Ambassador Evron, who will return to Israel shortly after announcing his retirement, stressed Israel's "commitments to full implementation of the Camp David agreement, the peace treaty with Egypt and the autonomy talks."

He said Israel-U.S. relations were closer today than when he arrived as Israel's ambassador to Washington three years ago, citing as examples the accord on the Sinai peacekeeping force and the memorandum on strategic co-operation between the two countries signed earlier in the week.

[P. Shapiro photo]

Iosif Mendelevich denounces emigration restrictions during rally held in front of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa as part of the national conference for Soviet Jewry.

Stop harassing Refuseniks, crisis parley demands

OTTAWA —

A 1-day crisis conference on Soviet Jewry in Ottawa attracted about 500 people to the Skyline Hotel to deliver a message to the Soviet government that Canadian politicians and the Canadian Jewish community take the business of human rights seriously.

Specifically, the conference, organized by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry (CCSJ), urged that Soviet Jews be allowed their rights of emigration and reunification with families, and further, that the Soviet government should desist from harassment, imprisonment and exile of Jews seeking emigration.

Hero of the day was undoubtedly former Prisoner of Zion, Iosif Mendelevich who was released from a Soviet prison in February, and spoke continuously throughout the day. (See story on page 7.)

In a major address, Serge Joyal, federal minister of state, stated that human rights violations by the Soviets anger all members of parliament, regardless of party affiliation and that it was up to MPs and conference delegates to monitor Soviet breaches of guarantees made in the UN Declaration of Universal Human Rights and in the Helsinki Final Act.

Joyal noted that the Soviet Union is going through a period of economic stress and said Jews have always been victims of persecution in such times. The Soviets are moving to stifle all independent Jewish culture, history, and education, said Joyal, who described the situation confronting Soviet Jewry as a "crisis."

The conference, which was originally expected to draw only 150 people, was pronounced an "unprecedented success" by Genya Intrator, CCSJ chairman. Every major Jewish organization from cities across Canada was represented, she said. The CCSJ is a joint effort of the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and Canadian Zionist Federation.

Co-chairpersons of the conference were Ruth Leroy, Toronto and Barbara Stern, Montreal.

Although the largest delegations came from Ontario and Quebec, delegates came also from Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Halifax and Moncton. There were about 60 MPs and dignitaries in attendance, including Louis Rasminsky, former governor of the Bank of Canada. Three busloads of high school and university students put even standing space at a premium. Many speeches found members of the audience sitting on the floor, lined against walls and standing in the halls.

The all-day event included morning discussions with MPs, members of the parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry, a parliamentary luncheon with guest speaker Serge Joyal, minister of state, as well as afternoon workshops on ways to mobilize the community on behalf of Soviet Jewry. A large demonstration outside of the Soviet embassy, led by Mendelevich, concluded the conference.

Intrator, who chaired the luncheon, talked about the work of her national committee manned by just a few dozen people in branches in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg. She urged Jews and non-Jews to join in the battle to save Soviet Jewry while it is still alive. "We don't need anymore Babi Yars or memorials to Jewish dead," she said.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Irwin Cotler stressed that "vacation time in the West is prison time in the Soviet Union," and that the Soviet Jewry movement which generated such excitement in the early 70s now had to be revitalized.

Sara Frankel, of the Israeli consulate in New York, reinforced Cotler's words. "The successes of the past have lured people into complacency, the result of which is to allow the Soviets to embark on a campaign of repression and mass arrests without fear of international censure.

"The situation is one of the worst recorded in the past decade," Frankel warned. "The spirit is missing from the earlier commitment," she added.

Russians still respond to public pressure, noted David Smith, chairman of the parliamentary group on Soviet Jewry, but he said high-pressure tactics did not work as well with the Soviets as a low-key approach that is both firm and sustained.

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Over $2 billion voted as U.S. aid for Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — .

The House of Representatives authorized a $5.7 billion foreign aid bill last week, and more than half the money is scheduled to be channeled to Israel and Egypt.

In the current fiscal year that began in October, Israel is due to receive the same as last year — $1.4 billion in military assistance and $785 million in economic aid.

The economic aid is a grant and $500 million of the military assistance is a direct credit, meaning it is not repayable.

Egypt's appropriations will be the same in the next two years as in the 1981 fiscal year. This includes $900 million in military assistance, of which $100 million is forgiven, and $750 million in economic assistance, all of it a grant.

Syria, once the recipient of American aid, will get nothing.

Seven million dollars has been allocated for rehabilitation work in Lebanon, which is wracked by civil war.

A House-Senate conference committee will have to work out differences between the House measure and an earlier Senate bill, which authorized $5.8 billion in foreign aid. The funds for Israel, Egypt and other Middle eastern countries are not expected to be affected.

Meanwhile, in a strange twist, Pentagon officials are charging that Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon is mainly responsible for the latest delay in concluding a $200 million combined purchase of Israeli-manufactured military equipment for the U.S. and Israeli armed forces, The CJN's Washington correspondent, Wolf Blitzer, reports.

According to well placed U.S. sources, Sharon had been expected to arrive in Washington on Nov. 30 for the signing of the strategic co-operation pact with a set of lists of various Israeli-made products eligible for the U.S. offshore procurement program and for the Israel defence forces with U.S. foreign military sales credits. But the lists were not submitted. No explanation was cited.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, during his April visit to Israel, had committed the United States to permitting up to $200 million to be used for the purchase of Israeli products by the U.S. military.

But because of initial bureaucratic difficulties in finding suitable items for the American market, U.S. officials later expanded the concept, to allow the IDF to spend some of the annual U.S. foreign military sales credits to Israel, in Israel itself. Traditionally, all such military credits are supposed to be spent only in America.

Earlier delays in getting the program off the ground were clearly caused by Washington. A team of Pentagon officials was to have visited Israel in July, but that trip was postponed because of the then suspension of F-16 fighter deliveries to Israel.

The Pentagon team did eventually arrive in Israel in early September, following the lifting of the F-16 suspension. But no final commitments were made at that time, apparently because the Saudi AWACS debate was then reaching its climax.

The U.S. officials, instead, asked their Israeli counterparts to prepare several lists of Israeli-manufactured military equipment considered appropriate for the program. The expectation was that final arrangements would be concluded during Sharon's Washington visit.

The U.S. team, in addition, said that some of the $200 million could even be used to improve Israel's productivity by upgrading existing technology of Israeli industry.

Aerospace Daily, the authoritative newsletter published here, said the entire subject "was not advanced" during Sharon's talk with secretary of defence Casper Weinberger.

Several Israeli military-related industries, such as the Israeli aircraft industries, are known to feel frustrated in the delay of submitting the lists.

Israel annexes Golan

JERUSALEM —

Israel was on the verge of annexing the Golan Heights as The Canadian Jewish News went to press Monday night.

The government introduced a bill in the Knesset which was expected to pass the required three readings, according to The Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

JTA said the bill would be law by Monday or Tuesday, despite opposition from the Labor Party and other factions.

Israel Radio said that Israeli law would be immediately extended to the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in the Six Day War.

The decision was made at a special meeting held in Prime Minister Menachem Begin's home. Begin is recuperating from surgery. He broke a hip bone three weeks ago.

The move took Israel and the world by surprise. Only a few months ago, the government rejected a similar bill presented by Tehiya MK Geula Cohen. Last December, the Labor Party and its allies voted down a Tehiya bill that would have had the same effect.

JTA said the government considered this an opportune time to annex the Golan. It followed a remark by Syrian President Hafez Assad that Syria would not recognize Israel even if such recognition was given by the PLO. His comment appeared in a Kuwaiti newspaper, Al Rai Al Aam.

Israel also felt that the world's attention was fixed on the crisis in Poland, where the Communist Party declared martial law and arrested Solidarity leaders.

The annexation, the first since Israel formally annexed East Jerusalem in 1967, is seen by Israel as a severe test of Cairo's intentions on the eve of Israel's planned withdrawal from the last third of the Sinai.

JTA said Geula Cohen would introduce a bill to annex the West Bank.

Israel's move is expected to be opposed by the Arab world, the U.S. and the European Economic Community. It may also contribute to Israel's diplomatic isolation.

Don't be timid, says Schindler

BOSTON —

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has called on North American Jews to "reject the counsel of timidity, never hesitate to state our views and vote our consciences" as the answer to "the demons of anti-semitism ,that are alive and kicking in this land."

Rabbi Schindler told some 4,000 delegates to the recent UAHC's 56th biennial assembly, the largest Jewish meeting of the year:

"The strategy of subtly threatening Jews with a backlash if they don't keep their mouths shut is part of a larger pattern of rising anti-semitism in the United States and the world. Yet to knuckle under to the hatemongers out of fear of what they might do is to give them the victory they seek. And they will come back for more, like any blackmailer."

The UAHC leader said that "our traditional alliances held up during the recent AWACS battle. It was led by true and tested friends — the Kennedys, the Cranstons, the Packwoods. Labor was most supportive, and 16 of 17 Blacks voted against the AWACS sale, as did all the Hispanics in the House."

In contrast, Schindler observed, "the Moral Majority did not do nearly so well by us. Its leader, Jerry Falwell, did sign an anti-AWACS advertisement, but that was all — no mail, no telephone calls, no sermons to support his position.

"In fact, the higher the Moral Majority rating of a legislator, the more likely he was to approve the arms sale to Saudi Arabia."

Schindler described a recent meeting with President Reagan in the White House in which the President "took a great deal of time to assure me and other members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that he was not anti-semitic.

"I believe the President," Schindler stated, "but all Americans — not just Jewish Americans — are in trouble when the President of the U.S. has to do that."

The UAHC leader commented: "Today the extremism of the radical right and the extremism represented by anti-semitism are bound up together in a threat to American principles. The number of reported incidents mounts daily. And I am convinced that the number of attacks on Jews and Jewish institutions is greater than those reported.

"Too many Jews dismiss such incidents as pranks or hope that, if ignored, they will somehow go away. But they will not go away — and we might as well face up to it."

Yet Jews "do not have to wage this struggle alone," Rabbi Schindler declared. "We can reach out to form coalitions of decency with moderate Christian leaders, with civic leaders, with Blacks and labor and the liberals, and with conservatives too — true conservatives who are pledged to the preservation of American values, not the riders of the Trojan horse of Reaganomics."

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REAGAN MEETS GOTLIEB

Winnipeg-born Allan Gotlieb, former undersecretary of state, presents his credentials as new Canadian ambassador to the U.S. to President Ronald Reagan. Gotlieb's wife Sondra looks on.

No CJN on Dec. 31

Because of holiday disruptions in the mail service, The CJN will NOT publish on Dec. 31. The first issue of 1982 will be out on Jan. 7.

Editorial deadline for the Jan. 7 issue is TUESDAY NOON, Dec. 29 in Toronto. Advertising deadline for this issue: Tuesday, 2 p.m., Dec. 29.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

HAPPY CHANUKAH

Mayeer Pearl, 7, lights first candle of Toronto's Associated Hebrew School's giant menorah. Happy Chanukah to one and all. First candle is lit this Sunday at sundown.

World-National

Continuous vigilance needed to counteract revisionists

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Unmarked letters reaching my desk are not a rarity. These anonymous missiles usually contain attacks on me or the Jewish people or the Human Rights Commission; frequently they threaten me and always revile me in terms which I do not care to reproduce in print.

Rabbi Plaut

But the other day an oversized envelope of a different sort came from an unnamed sender. This time the content was different:

Dear Rabbi Plaut —

Apropos your recent moving article about the Holocaust memorial meeting (the writer referred to the Liberators' meeting in Washington) and your comments about "revisionists" (meaning, people who deny that the Holocaust took place) I enclose some vile garbage which reached me through the mail in response to a furious letter by me commenting on a credulous magazine article, which blandly stated that the Nazi extermination camps simply "never existed." There is a strong Nazi revival which should be countered, now.

Sincerely,
One Outraged Non-Jew

Enclosed were publications which the writer was now forwarding to me. I had seen these types of publications before. However, I noticed a general upgrading of the stuff. It has taken on a professional look. Obviously the revisionists are now calling on competent layout artists and have enough money to translate their material into a respectable format.

The publishing outfit calls itself Steppingstones Publications and claims that it has "the nation's best selection on Americana, politics, anthropology, genetics, social movements, history and philosophy." A pretentious claim which reaches the reader from Silver Springs, Maryland.

By far the largest amount of space in the particular issue I was sent is taken up by a review of Paul Rassinier's book, "The Drama of the European Jews." Rassinier is a French professor who, like his American counterpart Arthur Butz, presents a "scholarly" volume on the thesis that the Holocaust never took place. I notice with some dismay that the book is already in its third printing in the American edition (it was this book, incidentally, to which Noam Chomsky wrote an introduction, thereby unwittingly giving the thesis added credibility).

To convey the idea of what is involved, let me quote the last paragraph of the review:

"I could go on at great length in regard to all the fraud, half-truths, fabrications and swindles involved in this legend (that six million died) but I believe the reader should read the Rassinier book, and judge for himself. Professor Rassinier rejects the propaganda figure of the six million on the basis of a very detailed, well documented statistical study based overwhelmingly on Jewish sources. . . ."

And so it goes. The editor trots out — often with illustrations — book after book of the new revisionist advocacy. Featured is a picture book on Adolf Hitler, decorated by the fuehrer's familiar state portrait. Other books talk about the "threatened extermination of the German people," National Socialist ideology, a volume called "Germany Awakes!" which was originally published by the Nazis in December 1933.

The very mass of the material constitutes another proof — if proof is indeed still needed — that the revisionist movement is gaining a wider circle of readers. It imposes on us and our friends the responsibility for letting the facts of the Holocaust be fully known.

I know that some people are tired of talking about the subject and say "enough already!" In the resolute spirit of the forthcoming Chanukah holiday we must say to them over and over again: if we let the world forget, the world will begin to believe that it never happened. If it believes that it never happened, it will come to believe that it could never happen.

Judah Maccabee called his people to physical resistance. Ours is a call to spiritual strength, intellectual vigor and continuous vigilance.

Turks downgrade ties with Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Turkey, which turned its back on the Middle East when Kemal Ataturk established a Western-style secular republic in the 1920s, has embarked on a program of improving relations with the Arab world.

And as a consequence, the Turks have downgraded their ties with Israel.

The military junta which staged a coup d'etat last year, ostensibly to thwart the drift toward Islamic fundamentalism and rampant terrorism, has stepped up Turkey's efforts to build bridges to the Middle East.

Gen. Kenan Evren, the leader of the junta, has adopted a bold policy of "economic realism" designed to cure the ailing Turkish economy, beset by hyper inflation and high unemployment and besieged by ever-rising oil prices.

In a serious bid to solve its problems, Turkey has wooed such countries as Iraq, Libya and Saudi Arabia, all at Israel's expense.

Under a new agreement, Iraq will replace West Germany as Turkey's primary trading partner. This comes as recession-bound Europe reduces its imports of Turkish goods and migrant workers.

Turkish businessmen, representing 335 companies, have pumped some $7 billion worth of capital investments into Arab lands, mainly Iraq, Libya and Saudi Arabia. This is expected to reach $10 billion by 1982. Meanwhile, Turkey's exports to the Middle East have soared. There are said to be 200,000 Turkish guest workers in the region, sending much-needed remittances back to Turkey.

Amidst these developments, Turkey's relationship with Israel continues to falter.

Turkey, 98% of whose population is Moslem, recognized Israel in 1949 and thus broke ranks with Islamic nations from Morocco to Indonesia. Economic and cultural relations were opened, much to the anger of the Arabs.

Under Iraqi pressure, Turkey recalled its No. 1 diplomat from Israel in the wake of the 1956 Sinai Campaign. After a while, he returned to his post.

Since the Six Day War, the Turks have called upon Israel to withdraw from the pre-1967 territories and backed the idea of Palestinian self-determination. They have insisted that the Arab-Israeli dispute should be solved through peaceful means.

In the mid-1970s, Turkey, feeling the impact of stagflation, began to cultivate the Arabs. The Turks agreed to host the 1976 Islamic conference of foreign ministers, whereas in the past they shunned it. Turkey's drive toward a rapprochement with the Arabs was undoubtedly assisted by the chauvinistic National Salvation Party, which blamed the country's economic difficulties on "international Zionism" and urged an end to relations with Israel.

Israel's relationship with Turkey underwent sharp deterioration in 1980. In July, Turkey, reacting to Israel's Jerusalem Law, called home its charge d'affaires from Tel Aviv. In August, the Turks announced that they would close their consulate-general in Jerusalem "because of the fait accompli which Israel tried to create regarding the legal status" of that city.

At a rally in the Islamic religious centre of Konya in September, the National Salvation Party — represented in the government in the late 1970s — urged Ankara to sever

[AP Laser photo]
Gen. Kenan Evren

diplomatic realtions with Israel and called upon Moslems "to liberate Jerusalem."

Last December, Turkey ordered relations with the Jewish state reduced to the level of second secretary.

The Turks also halted Turkish Airlines flights to Israel, though they permitted El Al to fly to Istanbul, and barred Israelis from taking part in the Izmir International Fair. According to the American Jewish Committee, Israeli scholars were "disinvited" from Turkish learned conferences.

Turkey is likely to keep Israel at arm's length indefinitely, but observers don't expect it to cut relations altogether. On the non-political level, Israel's friendship with Turkey is still relatively durable. A few months ago, for example, the president of Turkey's labor federation, Turk-Is, visited Israel at the invitation of the Histadrut. Ibrahim Deniczer invited his Israeli opposite number, Yeroham Meshel, to pay a visit to Turkey.

Before Deniczer went back to Turkey, he and Meshel signed a memorandum establishing closer ties between the two organizations.

As Deniczer affixed his signature to the document, the emir of Kuwait, Sheik Jaber al Ahmad al Sabah, arrived in Ankara for a state visit — the first by an Arab head of state from a Persian Gulf nation.

Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, chief architects of Turkey's austerity plan, had long discussions with al Sabah on economic co-operation.

Shortly before the emir's trip, Ozal flew to Tripoli to confer with Libyan Trade Minister Buzet Durda. Ozal and Durda agreed that Turkish exports to Libya would rise to $1 billion in 1982.

Sharply different political philosophies have not deterred the growth of Turkish-Libyan trade. Libya is Turkey's third most important supplier of petroleum after Iraq and Iran. During Turkey's 1974 invasion of Cyprus, which Libya strongly supported, the Libyans reportedly provided Turkey with fuel for its air force. By way of reciprocating, Turkey has trained Libyan pilots and sold the Libyans landing craft.

Israel, of course, is disappointed by Turkey's demarche to the Arabs. But no one in Jerusalem is really too surprised by the turn of events.

Because of its Ottoman legacy, Turkey has had traditional links with the Arab/Islamic worlds, the policies of Kemal Atatruk notwithstanding. And Turkey, despite secularization, is still a deeply religious country, particularly in the countryside.

Ataturk's revolution, while sweeping in some respects, affected urban dwellers in the main. Rural Turks stood in awe of Ataturk, but their adherence to Islam did not vanish. There was always a reservoir of sympathy for Arabs simply because they were believers like themselves.

This factor, combined with the Turks' failure to put their economic house in order, compelled Turkey to re-establish its old ties with the Arabs. As a result, Turkish-Israeli relations were bound to suffer.

Soviet build-up of weapons is greatest danger to peace

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The greatest danger to world peace comes from the Soviet Union's military build-up and expansion of its client states around the world, Paul Robinson, U.S. ambassador to Canada, recently told a meeting of the Beth Sholom brotherhood, held in the synagogue.

It was Robinson's first public appearance in Toronto since his nomination by U.S. President Ronald Reagan in the summer. Robinson, 51, a strong Reagan supporter, was an international businessman who headed a firm of specialist brokers in group insurance and mutual funds prior to his diplomatic post.

A finance chairman for the Reagan 1979-80 primary campaign in Illinois, his home state, Robinson confined his remarks on Israel to expressions of support from Reagan and his administration.

"The U.S. position will always be in favor of a strongly independent and free state of Israel," he said. He added that the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia should only be construed in the context of "United States' attempts to defend its interests in the Middle East. No other signal was intended," he said.

The meeting attracted about 400 people including many dignitaries such as John Aird, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, Jack Ackroyd, chief of police, Larry Grossman and Dennis Timbrell, both members of the Ontario cabinet, as well as members of the judiciary, municipal politicians and the Metro Toronto police force. Co-chairmen of the dinner were Mendel Green and Frank Cadesky.

Primarily, Robinson looked at Canada-United States relationships and fired salvos at the Soviet Union which, he said, had embarked on an unparalleled military build-up over the last 20 years which bore no relationship to its needs.

Arguing in favor of increased defence expenditure in the United States, Robinson said he supported Reagan's view that the United States must act "to prevent our adversaries from underestimating its resolve to protect its homeland or its allies."

Robinson, who was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean war, said World War II could have been avoided if the West had been better prepared militarily.

He urged NATO's 15 partners, including Canada, to increase their defence expenditures. In particular, he said that while defence provisions in the new federal budget had risen, they were still too low, in his opinion.

"We know we can count on Canada when the chips are down but we need your help now," said Robinson.

He made no comment on the growing peace movement protesting continued nuclear arms build-up in Europe, but indicated there was insufficient appreciation of Soviet Union expansion not only across Eastern Europe but through the Middle East, Africa and Central America.

While the United States had reduced its arms expenditures by 20% over the last 10 years, the Soviet Union took that opportunity to outpace the U.S. in field artillery, tanks, submarines and other weaponry, he said.

On the matter of Canada-United States relationships, Robinson, who has Canadian ancestry originating in a farm community north of Kingston, Ont., was both approving and critical.

He applauded the 5,500 mile unguarded Canada-United States border across which goods and people traveled to the great benefit of both nations and said that it was the "envy of the world."

But he acknowledged there were serious problems between the United States and Canada on the matters of the National Energy Policy [NEP], the fisheries boundaries dispute and acid rain fallout.

Robinson dispelled notions that U.S. businessmen were opposed to Canadianization of the oil and gas industries. Rather, he said, "we object to your federal government's methods. The government is changing the rules of the game in the middle of the play," he said.

Specifically, he referred to the 25% that American firms have to forfeit on their discoveries on crown land retroactive to October 1980. Robinson said he objected to such retroactivity and would like to see a "greater sense of fair play."

At present, foreign companies control 60 to 70% of Canada's oil and gas production. The NEP goal is to reduce foreign ownership in those industries to at least 50% by 1990.

Robinson also referred to FIRA, the foreign investment review agency, as an agency "which has grown like Topsy in the last seven years." He expressed hope that FIRA's screening of foreign investment, which has already affected many American firms, would not get any tougher.

As for acid rain fallout, Robinson claimed that while 50% of the pollution which falls on Canada is generated by the United States, about 25% of the fallout on the New England states comes from Canada.

"Pollution is a great problem and we are doing it to each other," he said.

Rabbi David Monson of Beth Sholom presented Robinson with an illustrated book of scriptures on behalf of the brotherhood as well as a coin minted by the Israeli government in honor of Canada's centennial year. The coin is from the collection of Beth Sholom congregant Louis Mayzel.

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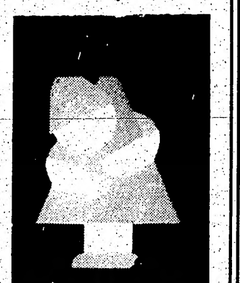
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Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Where should one light the Chanukah candles?

In the days when the Jewish people lived confidently and serenely in their own land, we lighted the Chanukah candles outdoors to publicize the miracle. Thus is it stated in Tractate Shabbas, 21 B; "Our Rabbis taught: It is incumbent to place the Chanukah lamp by the foor of one's house, on the outside."

Rabbi Burak

As the cities grew and became ever more congested, this could bring problems. There was the ever-present danger of fire. Still, the people were not discouraged from lighting their candles out of doors, as we learn from the same page of the Gemarra:

"If a spark which flies from the anvil goes forth and causes damage, the smith is liable. If a camel laden with flax passes through the street, and the flax overflows into a shop, catches fire at the shopkeeper's lamp, and sets the building alight, the camel owner is liable. But, if the shopkeeper placed the light outside, the shopkeeper is liable. Rabbi Judah said: In the case of a Chanukah lamp he is exempt" (because it should be placed outside).

Thus were the people encouraged to perform the mitzvah of Ner Chanukah under the open sky without fear of any consequences.

Just as every rule has its exceptions, there were exceptions to this one. The same page of the Talmud tells us that "at a time of danger, the candles are lighted on the table inside the house."

Rashi and Tosfos differ as to the nature of that danger. According to Rashi, the danger came from the Parsis who had days when they allowed such lights only at their temples. But Tosfos, in Tractate Shabbas, 45 A, takes the view that by "a time of danger" the Talmud meant a time when specific legislation was passed to deny the Jews the privilege of observing Chanukah.

Aside from this, in the lands of the Middle East, the candles were lighted outside to spotlight the holiday. One supposes that if there were any damages from fire, they were slight and of no dangerous consequences.

When oriental despotism drove our people to seek refuge in Europe, having Chanukah candles outside the home became difficult, and indeed impossible. The different climate with winds and snow posed a problem for anyone attempting it. Besides this, the hatred of the citizenry made it unwise to publicize our Holy Days in this manner. As it was, the mob all too often ran amok, plundering Jewish homes and businesses whenever the parish priest preached a fiery sermon.

To light a menorah outside was to court violence from those who were irrational and intemperate at the best of times, and murderous at the worst times.

But, in the ghetto the tradition was observed. Thus, in Venice, where the first ghetto was instituted, Jews would ride on gondolas during the nights of Chanukah, visiting every house that displayed a menorah, and greeting its inhabitants with a song and a blessing.

Finally, by the time our code of law came into being, nobody would light the candles outside the home. So, when the Shulchan 'Aruch, O. H. Chapter 672 paragraph 7 speaks of lighting the candles in the doorway, Rabbi Moses Isserles adds the words: . . . "but today when all of us light inside . . ." and in paragraph 8 he adds the same refrain.

If one were to add a note to Isserles' words, it could read this way:

"But, today, in the Land of our Fathers, we light the candles outside, once again, and we do so without fear."

One sees a burst of energy and ingenuity in the observance of Chanukah in Israel. Glass boxes with little chimneys are placed outside, and in them the candles beautifully announce the miracle to all.

I have watched our local Holocaust observers when candles are lighted in memory of the six million martyrs of the Holocaust. Usually, a gust of wind blows out the candles at once. Why has nobody made such a glass box for this act of remembrance? Perhaps it is to remind us all those lives that were destroyed. But the Chanukah candles stand for a light that never failed to inspire the Jewish heart.

CICC celebrates 20th anniversary

Patt sees Israel as major Canadian customer

By DAVID BIRKAN

Of the $155 million in trade between the two countries this year, Israel is importing about $100 million in Canadian goods, mostly in grain, aircraft engines and civil transport aircraft. Canada has been a consistent importer of fashions, finished diamonds and some foodstuffs from Israel.

TORONTO —

Official greetings from Ontario Premier Bill Davis and Israel minister of industry and commerce Gideon Patt marked the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce's 20th anniversary celebration last week.

The event, chaired by Ray D. Wolfe, the CICC's chairman of the board, drew more than 350 members and associates.

Patt expressed praise for "the good work done by the Chamber," and said there was "no reason in the world why Israel can't buy $100 million, $200 million or even $500 million worth of goods from Canada in the near future."

In 1961, the year of the CICC's inception, trade between the two countries totaled $10 million, said Wolfe in his introduction.

Patt presented Davis with a medal commemorating Camp David, "in recognition of Ontario's leadership in pursuing bilateral trade with Israel."

In accepting the medal, Davis good-humoredly committed himself to do all in his power to sell $500 million worth of Canadian goods to Israel. "I'm prepared to have people sign deals with you as soon as this meeting is over," he told Patt.

Ontario Premier Bill Davis

Davis, after discussing some of Canada's economic problems and objections to the recently introduced federal budget, held up Israel as an example "for those who complain of problems here, of what people have been able to create in that relatively small piece of geography."

Davis also praised Israel as "the only free democratic state in its part of the world" and as an important factor for "the morality of international politics." Said Davis: "While there is a great deal of expediency in international relations, it is important for free states to appreciate Israel's role" in the international community.

Davis also described the Camp David Accords as "the beginning of true peace in the Middle East" and said that Camp David "must be given support to its fruition."

Davis focused his talks on Canada's new constitution, describing the spirit of compromise that prevailed between federal and provincial leaders that facilitated a general agreement to its terms. "On Thursday, Nov. 12 (the day the agreement was announced by Prime Minister Trudeau and nine of Canada's 10 premiers), Canada attained maturity after 114 years of existence," he said.

Davis chided Quebec Premier Rene Levesque for insisting on sovereignty-association — basically, political independence — while enjoying economic support and privileges from the rest of Canada, but not signing the terms approved by the other leaders.

The slate of officers for 1982 was introduced at the meeting. R. Lou Ronson, Work Wear Corp., Toronto, is chairman of the national executive. President is Philip Granovsky, Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd., Toronto.

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National executive director is Nick Simmonds.

Nuclear war possible within 20 years: Feld

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Physics professor Bernard Feld of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a scientist involved in the Manhattan Project which produced the first atomic bomb in 1945, predicted here last week that nuclear war is "highly possible" within the next 20 years.

Our chances of using nuclear weapons before the end of the century are as high as 50%, he told a Toronto conference designed to educate physicians about the medical consequences of nuclear war.

The conference, funded by the office of the ambassador for disarmament, external affairs, Ottawa, was sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility — (PSR) — Canada, the faculty of medicine of the University of Toronto, and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

In response to a PSR report which estimated there are presently over 30,000 American nuclear bombs, and 20,000 Russian nuclear bombs, William Epstein, a member of the Canadian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations proposed a mobilization of public opinion for no more "productivity, deployment or testing of nuclear weapons."

Epstein, also president of Pugwash Canada, a pro-disarmament peace movement, dismissed the idea of arms control to end nuclear proliferation, pointing out from his personal government dealings that "negotiations take years . . . while the arms race is advancing close to the speed of lightning."

He described the modern world as "wicked . . . on a mad race to oblivion," alluding to a speech on international disarmament by George Kennan, the U.S. diplomat who helped formulate President Truman's policy of containment of the USSR. In that speech, following his acceptance of the Albert Einstein Peace Prize last May, Kennan said: "We have gone on piling weapon upon weapon ... new levels of destructiveness upon old ones. We have done this helplessly, almost involuntarily like the children of Hamlin marching blindly along behind their Pied Piper."

Epstein warned that together the U.S. and the USSR have enough nuclear weapons to destroy every major city in the world and have enough additional equipment to destroy an additional 1,000 cities.

George Ignatieff, chancellor of the University of Toronto and president of the United Nations Association of Canada, criticized the government's attitude "of looking for a solution through further nuclear arms escalation."

"The process of matching or outdoing countries by enlarging weapons arsenals leads to absolute stalemate," he said. "The best approach is to match vulnerabilities on both sides."

Ignatieff proposed that the government stop escalation with an overall freeze — including a comprehensive ban on testing of all weapons and a reciprocal undertaking not to use nuclear weapons except as a minimum deterrent against the prevention of war.

He said the Canadian government is making concessions to the nuclear arms race "little by little" without consulting the public about its plans.

Appealing specifically to physicians, Bernard Lown, professor of cardiology at Harvard School of Public Health and founding president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, told doctors they should be compelled to participate in a disarmament program. He said their educational role on issues pertinent to health is widely recognized — making them a potentially forceful non-political pressure group.

Lown said that if the Soviet Union and the U.S. were involved in an all-out nuclear war, more than 200 million people would be killed immediately and another 60 million would suffer radiation sickness, trauma and burns.

Toronto will honor Wiesel with U chair

RAMAT GAN, Israel —

The Toronto Jewish community will pay tribute to author Elie Wiesel on May 18, when a chair in Holocaust studies is dedicated in his name at Bar-Ilan University here. This was announced last week by Prof. Emanual Rackman, president of Bar-Ilan.

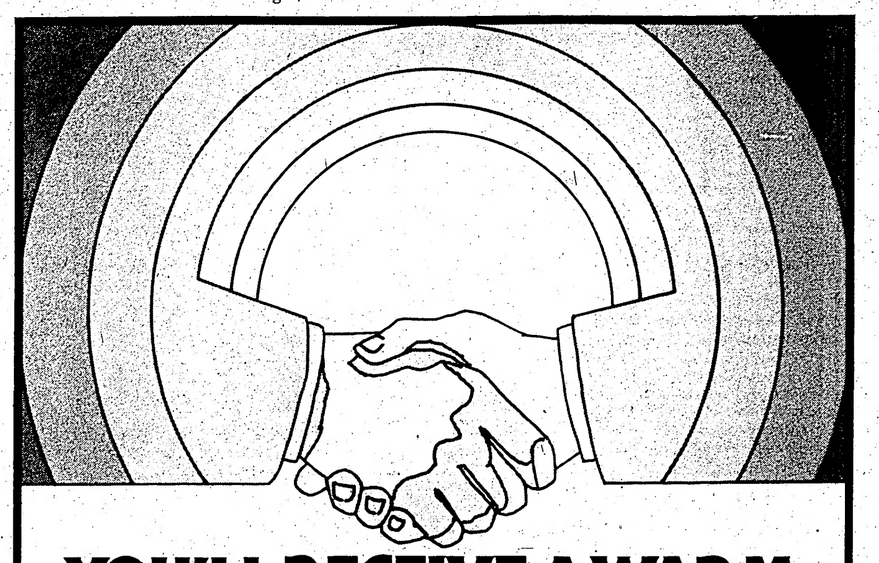
Rackman said Wiesel "is eminently deserving of this honor for his contribution to the worldwide awareness of the reality of the Holocaust."

Elie Wiesel

A survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, Wiesel has been called the "conscience of mankind" for his novels and memoirs about the Holocaust.

Convinced that the only way to prevent genocide is to lay bare its roots and, faced with the threat of denial of the Holocaust altogether, he recently organized a worldwide Liberators conference in Washington, over which he presided as chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Council.

Wiesel, who has been proposed as a candidate for a Nobel Prize, holds an honorary doctorate from Bar-Ilan University and is currently a professor of humanities at Boston University.



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Lighting Chanukah candles

Recalling heroic period

"Perfect valor is to do unwitnessed what we should be capable of doing before all the world." Thus La Rochefoucauld defined courage and heroism.

It is a singularly appropriate description of the activity of the Maccabeans in the years around 165 BCE when Jewish statehood was restored by those whom Howard Fast called (in a book of the same name) "our glorious brothers."

Every year on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev (this year on the evening of Dec. 20) Jews begin the lighting of a series of candles to commemorate an historic event.

Chanukah is a celebratory re-enactment of the 3-year revolt which the Maccabeans precipitated against a coalition of Assyrian-Greeks and Jewish supporters. The latter had aquiesced in permitting pagan practices to be introduced into the Temple of Jerusalem.

The man who galvanized the Jewish nation to rid the land of its "pollution" was Judah, who along with his brothers conducted a series of brilliant military actions against a much larger and well equipped adversary.

The lighting of eight candles during Chanukah is a rekindling, then, of memory and hope and a witnessing to heroism that was virtually unheralded in its day.

One of the reasons for this is that the purification of the Temple is not recorded in the Torah. Our basic information about Judah Maccabee comes from the Book of the Maccabees in the Apocrypha and from the Jewish historian Josephus.

Fortunately Judah and his band of courageous warriors have been rescued from historical anonymity by creative minds. In literature, the heroism of the Maccabees has been chronicled in several European examples of belleslettres. Even the Swiss used the model of Judah (in Boxler's novel "Judas Makkabaeus") to promote the ideals of loyalty.

In art, Judah has figured on many a canvass. Rubens depicted him in a famous painting. Gustave Dore did an engraving of the victorious Maccabee. Handel chose to immortalize him in one of his oratorios and one of the airs, "See, the conqu'ring hero comes," has become a Chanukah song.

Jewish tradition has not, for good reason, developed such elaborate means for immortalizing its brave sons. We do it much more simply: we light a candle each night and we utter benedictions and we sing hymns of praise.

Two thousand years after the event we witness a heroic period in Jewish history that serves as a model for present and future conduct.

Neutralize fascists

Archie Shandling, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies in Capetown, introduced a note of sobriety in the Jewish-South African discourse recently when he sounded the alarm bell with regard to a resurgence of neo-Nazi activities in his country.

Shandling, asserting that he did not wish to be alarmist, indicated that the government of South Africa has been sluggish in its attempts to curb extreme right wing elements. On the Jewish future in South Africa Shandling commented: "My own private feeling is that there will not be a Jew left in South Africa by the year 2000.

It is instructive and somewhat heartening to learn that Shandling's gloomy portrait of the future of South Africa's 125,000 strong Jewish community was challenged not only by groups within that sector but by an editorial in the pro-government newspaper Die Transvaler.

The paper characterized the deputy's remarks as "unnecessary fear-mongering. The Jews are a valued group in our population and have made wide contributions in all spheres of life." This is undoubtedly a welcome statement, coming as it does from a semi-official government source.

This expression of confidence does not, however, respond completely to the apprehensions expressed by Shandling. A neo-Nazi group headed by one Eugene Terreblanche has been proclaiming an all white gospel in South Africa in which there is to be no political role for Jews, Britons, Indians and Chinese.

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the members of this group wear Nazi-type regalia and trade in well known anti-semitic cliches. The government in South Africa has apparently been reticent to take any specific action against Terreblanche and his followers.

If South Africa's government wishes to prevent their nation's slide into the ignominy of right wing anarchy, it should move immediately to neutralize the fascist elements militating there.

New strategic co-operation agreement falls far short of Israel's expectations

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

To the chagrin of the Soviet Union and the Arab nations which oppose the Camp David peace process, Israel and the U.S. signed a strategic co-operation agreement late last month.

Aimed at the Soviet Union, rather than the Arabs, the pact is historic. Yet it falls far short of Israeli expectations. It is not a mutual security agreement such as the U.S. has concluded with a number of countries. Apparently, it does not commit the U.S. to come to Israel's aid in the event of aggression.

It is similar to a 1975 agreement, under which Israel and the U.S. would engage in top-level consultations as a result of a Soviet threat to Israel's integrity.

The memorandum of understanding signed by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger calls for Israel and the U.S. to conduct air and sea maneuvers. Never before had the Americans agreed to hold such exercises with the Israelis.

But land maneuvers, which the Americans have held with Oman and Egypt, seem to be out of the question. And the U.S. has not committed itself to storing military equipment on Israeli soil.

The agreement, set forth in a memorandum of understanding, may be expanded to Israel's satisfaction when the new U.S.-Israel co-ordinating council on strategic collaboration meets in January. If additional agreements don't emerge from these discussions, the memorandum will be limited, indeed.

Israel obviously wanted much more. Three months ago, after visiting Washington, Sharon said in no uncertain terms that he was interested only in a broad-based agreement, not a cosmetic one. But Sharon's pronouncement was probably in the nature of a none-too-subtle negotiating tactic. He must have been aware of the fact that the U.S. goal was considerably less ambitious.

The U.S. has vital economic and political interests to preserve in the Arab world and, thus, successive administrations have been careful not to offend Islamic sensibilities by drawing too close to Israel. For some Americans, Washington's relationship with Jerusalem is already one-sidedly pro-Israeli.

The Americans don't underestimate Israel's value as a strategic asset in the containment of Soviet influence. But they prefer a less demonstrably intimate relationship with Israel, lest countries such as Saudi Arabia or Jordan sulk.

In recent months, officials have spelled out the restraints the Arab-Israeli conflict imposes on them.

Last September, when Secretary of State Alexander Haig talked about a "strategic partnership" with Israel, he also referred to "political and practical limitations" with which both sides would have to live. And he pointedly observed that "our Israeli friends have had a rather fulsome assessment of things."

On the eve of Sharon's arrival in Washington a couple of weeks ago, Haig declared: "We've got to deal with the realities of what American strategic plans in the area require. We've got to deal with . . . the maintenance of good relations with . . . moderate Arab regimes."

Weinberger, as if to allay Arab suspicion and fear, emphasized that strategic co-operation with Israel was nothing novel but part of an ongoing process designed to counter Soviet policy.

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In the past 33 years, with varying degrees of success, the U.S. has worked assiduously to contain Soviet influence in southwest Asia.

Harry Truman recognized Israel's existence partly because he feared a vacuum in Palestine after Britain's withdrawal. He helped Turkey with arms because he thought the Soviets had designs on the Turks.

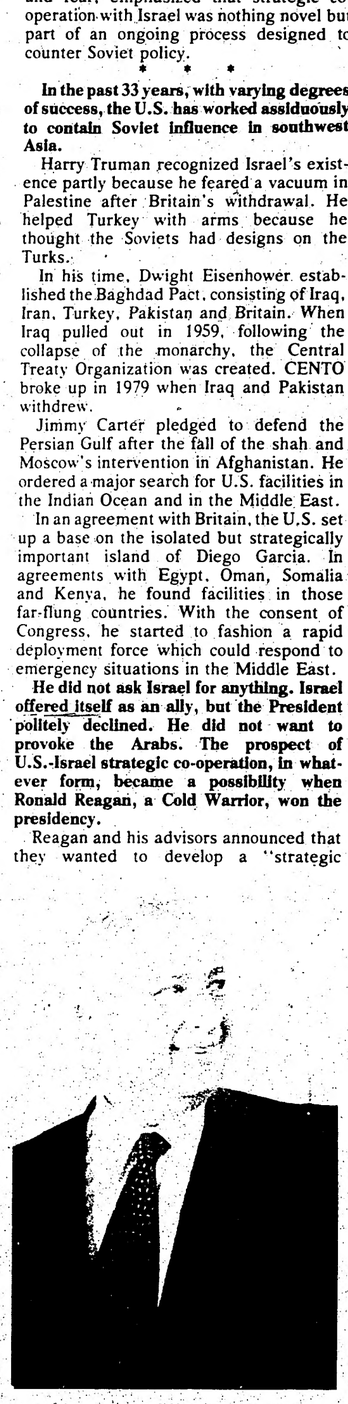
In his time, Dwight Eisenhower established the Baghdad Pact, consisting of Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Britain. When Iraq pulled out in 1959, following the collapse of the monarchy, the Central Treaty Organization was created. CENTO broke up in 1979 when Iraq and Pakistan withdrew.

Jimmy Carter pledged to defend the Persian Gulf after the fall of the shah and Moscow's intervention in Afghanistan. He ordered a major search for U.S. facilities in the Indian Ocean and in the Middle East.

In an agreement with Britain, the U.S. set up a base on the isolated but strategically important island of Diego Garcia. In agreements with Egypt, Oman, Somalia and Kenya, he found facilities in those far-flung countries. With the consent of Congress, he started to fashion a rapid deployment force which could respond to emergency situations in the Middle East.

He did not ask Israel for anything. Israel offered itself as an ally, but the President politely declined. He did not want to provoke the Arabs. The prospect of U.S.-Israel strategic co-operation, in whatever form, became a possibility when Ronald Reagan, a Cold Warrior, won the presidency.

Reagan and his advisors announced that they wanted to develop a "strategic consensus" among the nations of the Middle East. The rationale was deceptively simple. Israel and the conservative Arab governments would settle their differences in the pursuit of one common aim: the containment of Communism.



Ariel Sharon

Alexander Haig

As the Americans learned, the concept was not so acceptable to the Arabs, who refused to acknowledge the Soviet Union as the chief enemy. For Arabs, Israel remained the ever-present threat.

Despite this fatal flaw in U.S. policy, the Reagan administration was not deterred. Haig raised the matter when he went to the region last April. The Saudis, for one, let him know that they were not enthused by the proposal. The Israelis, however, were delighted.

They thought the Americans had finally come around to recognizing that there was more to the Middle East than the Arab-Israeli dispute. Five months later, when Menachem Begin met Ronald Reagan in the White House, the President broached the subject of strategic co-operation. He may have done so to get the autonomy talks, subject to fits and starts, moving. In any event, the die was cast.

Begin wound up two days of negotiations by declaring that Israel and the U.S. had reached an agreement in principle to co-operate on strategic objectives in the Middle East.

He admitted that the two countries already maintained a "strategic dialogue." But it was "mostly talk," he observed. He said he was pleased that Haig was prepared to "put some meat on the bone" of Washington's longstanding military relationship with Jerusalem.

So keen was Begin upon the completion of his talks that he offered the U.S. use of Israel's air and naval bases (an offer no Arab land has yet to extend) and air cover for its transport planes.

As Israel envisaged it, strategic co-operation would consist of essentially four elements:

- The Israeli air force would provide cover for U.S. cargo aircraft flying units of the rapid deployment force to the Middle East.
- Tanks and other heavy hardware for an armored division would be removed from Israeli service and stored for the U.S. by the U.S. in a crisis.
- The Americans would station 150 high-performance jets in Israel, where they could be serviced by the local aerospace industry.
- Israel and the U.S. would plan air, sea and land exercises.

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Begin and his ministers do not believe, as the opposition charges, that the present memorandum of understanding can potentially undermine Israeli national interests.

The Labor Party claims that the pact is dangerous and meaningless, as it opens Israel to Soviet attack, entangles it in big power rivalry and limits its foreign policy options.

According to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, co-operation with the U.S. does not mean that Israel will be dominated by a super power tending to its own particular interests. Sharon, though, said recently that such an agreement would inevitably "tie Israel's hands to some degree."

In Shamir's view, few nations can refrain from allying themselves with a stronger country. "Our enemies are linked to the Soviets through strategic ties . . . That makes it necessary for us to strengthen our co-operation with the Americans.

Sharon is of the firm opinion that Israel is serving no foreign causes. "I can assure the Knesset and the nation," he said last week, "that our agreement will be guided by only one principle — the need to defend the existence of Israel independently and through an independent strategy. We did not commit [the Israeli armed forces] to war or battle not connected with the defense of . . . Israel."

Sharon thinks that the memorandum of understanding is crucial. "This is a matter of life and death for us . . . (it) is the most efficient response to the situation of the 1980s. The danger to us has never been so great."

The disadvantages notwithstanding, these are the advantages of the agreement (provided it is fleshed out in the months ahead):

- Israel could presumably avail itself of U.S. weaponry in a war, thereby reducing the acute problem of resupply and airlift that haunted the Israelis in the Yom Kippur War.
- The economic hardship of maintaining a huge and expensive military establishment would be partially relieved if Israel sold equipment to the U.S. for stockpiling.
- Strategic ties would give the U.S. a greater stake in Israel's wellbeing and survival.

The Americans have much to gain as well. Israel is a stable and technologically advanced society. A study by California's Rand Corporation points up Israel's value in geographical terms. It would take 11 days for the U.S. to transport 70,000 tons of equipment for one mechanized division from Israel to the Saudi oil fields, compared with 1 from the Egyptian port of Ras Banas, 8 from Oman, 14 from Somalia, 27 from Diego Garcia and 77 from the U.S.

Oman may be closer to Saudi Arabia than Israel, but it is vulnerable and cannot provide air defence. Somalia, the report says, wants to exact too onerous a price from the U.S, in exchange for facilities: involvement in its on-again-off-again war with Ethiopia, a Soviet client.

Compelling logic says that Israel is an almost ideal strategic partner of the U.S. But logic can't be applied to every situation, especially in the volatile Middle East. Thus, Israel may not be successful in convincing the U.S. to opt for greater strategic co-operation. Israel may be reduced to watching the development of that co-operation between the Americans and their Arab friends.

"Despite the ostensible logic in the Israel-American strategic co-operation, and the mutual desirability of such co-operation," The Jerusalem Post's military correspondent writes, "one suspects that it is still a long way off. There are too many other factors at play to allow for simplistic solutions, and Israel may remain like a beggar at the door for some time to come."

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Henrietta Szold, educator and founder of North America's Hadassah movement, of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and of Israel's Youth Aliyah movement, was born on Dec. 21, 1860.

The first of eight daughters of Rabbi Benjamin Szold, who had come to the U.S. from Hungary in 1859 to lead Baltimore's Congregation Oheb Shalom, Ms. Szold received the education normally bestowed upon the eldest son. By the time she entered high school, she was learned in French, German, Hebrew and the sciences. She graduated with scholastic achievements unexcelled before or after. She taught at a private girls' school as well as at her father's synagogue.

Massive pogroms in Russia in 1881 brought an influx of Jewish immigrants to Baltimore. Henrietta organized for them an evening school system of English language instruction and acculturation. She taught and supervised the program until 1893. It was taken over by the city in 1892, after having educated thousands, and served as a model for immigrant instruction across the country.

After her father died in 1902, she moved to New York, where she worked as a secretary, translator and editor at the Jewish Publication Society, and studied Talmud and Hebrew at the Jewish Theological Seminary. For recreation, she joined the Hadassah study circle, a small women's group whose members wrote essays and held discussions on aspects of Jewish history and Zionism.

A physical breakdown led to her first trip to the Holy Land, in 1909. She was overawed by its beauty and appalled by the disease and squalor of its inhabitants. Szold returned to New York to begin promoting the establishment of health and social institutions in the Yishuv.

On Feb. 12, 1912, 38 women from her reading group constituted themselves as the Hadassah chapter of Daughters of Zion. She became president of the rapidly enlarging group at its first annual convention, in 1914. Two years later, Hadassah, already 4,000-strong, undertook to help fund a medical unit in Jerusalem.

In 1920, Ms. Szold went to Jerusalem to direct the mission and start a nursing school. Her personal participation impressed philanthropist Nathan Strauss (of Macy's fame) whose unexpected gift saved the struggling institution from bankruptcy. Its subsequent financial adoption by the Hadassah organization led to its development, unchecked by Arab hostilities, as the Middle East's largest teaching and research hospital.

Henrietta Szold was appointed to the 3-man executive of the World Zionist Organization, in 1926, responsible for health and education. She was given a similar appointment on the Yishuv's Va'ad Leumi (governing council) four years later. Her achievements in the next few years included the establishment of a hygiene program and vocational schools, and the rehabilitation of street children. In 1933, at 73 years of age, she was preparing to retire.

The Nazi advent in Germany threw her into the life and death struggle for Jewish children. As director of a new offshoot of the Jewish Agency, the Youth Aliyah movement, she arranged for the transfer of children from Germany to the Yishuv; about 30,000 were rescued by the time the war ended, despite immigration difficulties with the British Mandatory government.

Henrietta Szold succumbed to pneumonia in August, 1945, in the Jerusalem hospital she had done so much to build up.

Two banks mentioned, but a third was "lost"

It was unwise to disregard my grandmother's maxims

By J. B. SALSBERG

My beloved grandmother, Miriam Sheva, a blessed memory, taught me many things and one of these days I hope to acquaint you more fully with her. I think of her at present because some of her pithy sayings surfaced in my mind as I find cause for regretting some sins of omission.

Two of my grandmother's maxims were: "an ox hot a langeh tzung un kon nisht redden, a mentsh hot a kurtze tzung ober tor nisht redeen;" (an ox has a long tongue but can't talk, a human being has a short tongue but mustn't talk).

Another pearl of wisdom that often rolled from her pious lips was: "foon nisht gein un nisht redeen hot men keinmol nisht kein charoteh;" (one never has cause to regret not having gone somewhere or not having spoken).

Yes, my precious readers, I know that one could flaw the logic of those folksy admonitions. But, on the other hand, one could argue that there is more than an ordinary dose of wisdom in what my grandmother had to say.

Just think, how many heartaches (physical and emotional) each of us might have avoided if we hadn't gone to certain places and if we had mastered our tongues on certain occasions.

So while it isn't forbidden to question some of my grandmother's maxims it is also no certification of great wisdom to dismiss those same words of advice that she armored her young ones with.

Why, you will surely want to know, am I suddenly in the grip of my grandmother's distilled words of folk wisdom? Because I did not heed them and have lived to regret it.

Really . . . what do I know about banks and bankers? Mighty little, you may be sure. I was raised at a time and in a milieu when bankers were depicted as bloated men sitting on bags of money and continually smoking big, fat cigars. (Many people, and cartoonists in particular, still picture them that way.) The one exception was, of course, the Rothschilds. Since they were Jews, it was assumed that they couldn't possibly be like the rest of the bankers' fraternity.

In short, I'm a complete ignoramus when it comes to banks and bankers. So what got into me to write a column about banks and bankers? Obviously, if I had not forgotten my wise grandmother's advice I would never have done it and would, as a result, have found no cause to regret. (Remember . . . ? "Foon nisht gein," etc., etc.)

The column that caused me all the heartache was devoted not to ordinary banks and bankers, of course, but to Israeli banks that have Canadian branches and that are acquiring the broad banking opportunities that the revised Canadian banking law makes possible for foreign-owned banks operating in this country.

Somehow I only mentioned the Bank Leumi and the Bank Hapoalim, but omitted entirely a third Israeli bank that has already established itself firmly in our, now fully independent, country "from sea to sea."

Why did this occur? Yes, I ask again, why did it?

If it were as a result of obedience to my grandmother's admonitions then why did I write about two but forget the third? It's confusingly vexatious.

Is it that I have preferences in this matter and unconsciously desired to ignore one of the three Israeli banking institutions?

No, I have no negative approach to any of the three.

What is even more puzzling is the fact that the head of the Canadian operation of the lost bank is the only one of the three chiefs of Israel's banks in Canada whom I know and admire (as I do his wife) immensely.

He neither looks nor behaves like the prototype of a banking chief. He smiles readily and his eyes seem to laugh with unbounded pleasure. (Did you ever see a banker laugh? Evidently only Israeli bankers do.)

So how could I have omitted or, worse still, lose the **Israel Discount Bank** when I wrote about the two other two Israeli financial institutions? And, to my eternal shame, how could I forget **Mr. David E. Barr**, the Canadian head of the Discount bank, whom I consider as a "yedid" (friend) of mine?

To tell the truth I was propelled into the terra incognita of banking by an urge to reminisce about the founding of the Bank Hapoalim (Labor Bank) and Toronto's contribution to the founding of that bank. Bank Leumi also has a similar history; shares for that bank were also sold earlier in Eastern Europe and in North America to Zionists.

But the Israel Discount Bank, to the best of my knowledge, was commenced by Israeli shareholders in the same manner that banks are launched in this country. I, therefore, can claim no credit for its founding and, evidently, very successful existence. Maybe that's the reason why I lost the Discount Bank when I wrote about the two other banks.

In conclusion, I should say that our alert readership was quick to note my omission and brought it to my attention as soon as the paper hit the streets. So, to all of them and, especially, to my friend David Barr I say in all humility: "I'm perhaps the only person in the world who lost a bank and, heaven be praised, I'm also perhaps the only one who found the bank I lost."

And an Israeli bank at that!

So, let peace and tranquility envelop us and the whole world. Amen.

Iraqi-born Montrealer is a published author himself

Writers turn to Canada Council's Naim Kattan

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

Naim Kattan's timing, though inadvertent, was just right.

In 1967, when Canada's publishing industry was beginning to boom, the Canada Council — which promotes the arts in this country — hired him as a literary officer.

"There was a kind of cultural revolution," he says. "We didn't create it but we did assist its development."

An Iraqi Jew, Kattan is head of the Canada Council's writing and publishing section. With a budget running into the millions of dollars, he doles out grants to established and promising writers and poets, and administers programs of support for the publication, translation, promotion and distribution of Canadian books and periodicals.

Established 24 years ago, the Canada Council has earned a reputation for fairness and competence. John Hirsch, director of the Stratford Festival, has described it as "the most enlightened and progressive subsidizing agency, public or private, on the continent."

When Kattan, 53, began his sojourn with the Canada Council, his literary budget was a paltry $250,000. It's considerably higher today but still not enough. "It's not adequate," he claims. "We need at least 30% more funds."

With proper funding, a greater number of writers — two out of five, rather than one out of five — would be eligible for grants. "We have to turn down many writers, and our juries often get emotional about this."

Also, financially-strapped publishers find it hard to publish books of a literary nature, while cultural periodicals have no alternative but to cut back.

In spite of these problems, Kattan does not despair. "The Canada Council," he says with dash of fatherly pride, "is as effective as any similar body in any other country."

Born in Baghdad, Kattan started his career as a culture czar after serving with the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism.

By the time he reached Ottawa, he was well known for his reviews, plays and books. He had written book reviews for Le Devoir and had contributed editorials to the now-defunct Le Nouveau Journal, both in Montreal.

Kattan had been one of the first critics writing in French to analyze English literature. "In a modest way," he says, "I've tried to bridge the gap between the two major communities in Quebec."

The ease with which he was able to move from one culture to another paid dividends. "Because I was familiar with the literature of French Canada and English Canada, the Canada Council offered me a job," he explains.

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He was raised in Iraq's ancient capital, the son of a postal worker. At 13, he started to dabble with the written word, influenced by the Bible and Arabic literature.

In 1947, with tension rising in the Middle East as a result of intercommunal violence in Palestine, Kattan left home to accept a French government scholarship. He went to Paris to study literature at the Sorbonne. His family, observing the anti-Zionist writing on the wall, emigrated to Israel soon afterward.

In Paris, leading the good life, he frequented cafes and libraries and wrote for a Baghdad newspaper. For Kattan, Arabic was a beautiful medium. "It's literature is one of the great components of my life," he notes. "I still read it. But I have forgotten how to write literary Arabic."

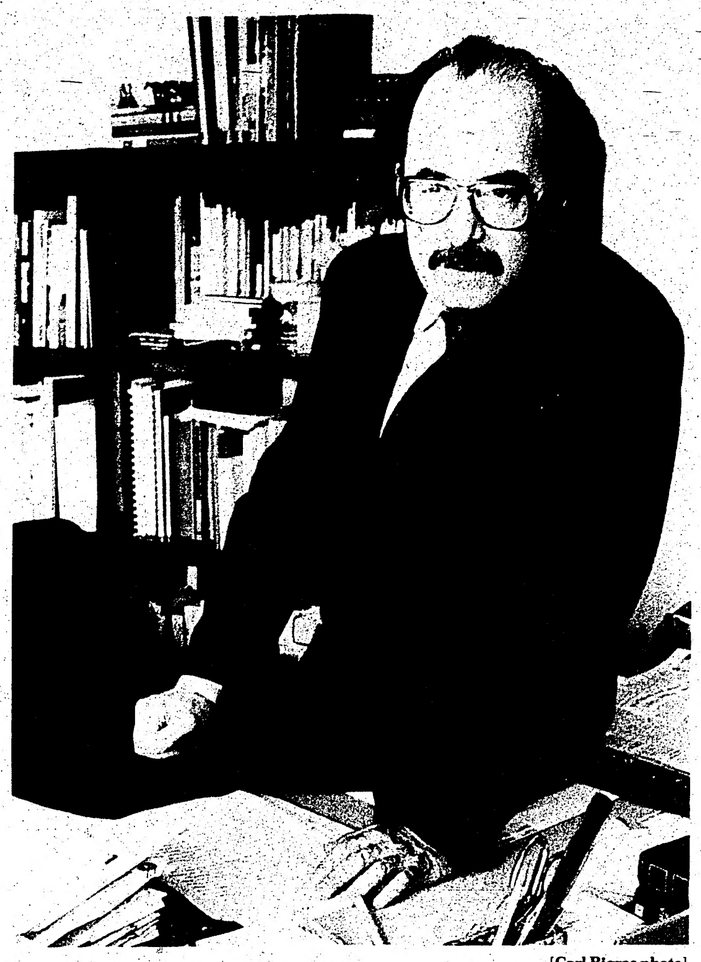
To help support himself, Kattan worked for the American Jewish Committee. He wrote reports on Iraqi Jewry. It was a tumultuous time for the Jews of Iraq, who had settled there before the advent of Islam. The Arab-Israeli dispute undermined their position in Iraqi society, and in the early 1950s, the majority emigrated.

From his boyhood in Iraq — which he says was a happy one — and his years in Paris, Kattan produced two novels-cum memoirs — "Farewell, Babylon" and "Paris Interlude," both of which were favorably received.

He plans to write another novel about Iraq, to which he has never returned. Last summer, he and his former Baghdad classmates got together for a long-deferred reunion in New York. "We've all done something with our lives. One of them is Menachem Begin's advisor on Arab affairs. As I am a writer, they all came to me with their stories. So I've decided to do a novel about them, set around the world."

Kattan, a loquacious man, arrived in Canada in 1954 with a letter of recommendation from the American Jewish Committee. He presented it to Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, in Montreal. Hayes hired him on the strength of Kattan's suggestion to publish a French-language periodical for circulation in the French Canadian community.

Bulletin du Cercle juif, which still exists, became the Jewish community's link to French Canada. "It was a modest, albeit lively and interesting, journal," he says. "We showed we were interested in French culture and language before the Quiet Revolution burst on the scene."



[Carl Bigras photo]

Naim Kattan, of the Canada Council

In his view, Bulletin du Cercle juif shattered barriers which had invariably blocked a dialogue between Catholics and Jews. (Speaking of contemporary Quebec, Kattan feels that Jews there have an "absolutely good future." He says he foresees no waves of anti-semitism. And he implicitly trusts the Parti Quebecois leadership, some of whose members he knows on a personal basis.)

Meanwhile, Kattan forged ahead as a writer, producing criticism for newspapers, short stories for journals (such as Tamarack Review and Canadian Literature) and plays for CBC and Belgium TV.

His books included "Le reel at le theatral," "Ecrivains des Ameriques," and "La discretion et autres pieces."

In the mid-1960s, Kattan took a leave of absence from Canadian Jewish Congress to write reports on culture and the media for the famous B & B Commission.

Moving in French Canadian circles, he met actress Gaetane Laniel, and married her. Their son, Emmanuel, celebrated his bar mitzvah last year.

Kattan and his family live in Montreal's Snowdon district. He works out of an office in downtown Ottawa and is thus forced to commute. "My wife understands," he says.

Despite a hectic schedule, he writes almost every day, rising at 6 a.m. By 8.30, he's written at least a few hundred words. "It's a question of discipline," he says of his routine. "Yes, people are amazed at my prolific output."

As he travels quite often, Kattan has accustomed himself to writing on the road. In cities he visits, he always uses the same hotels and restaurants. "I've developed a kind of living style," he observes. "I live in one big place called Canada."

As a Canada Council employee, he is not eligible for grants [he got one in 1965 for an anthology of Canadian writing]. And, contrary to myth, he has no real influence on how grants will be disbursed. "The juries we select make those decisions. I have opinions and tastes [he enjoys writers like Shakespeare, Andre Malraux, Gustav Flaubert, Saul Bellow and William Faulkner], but these I express in books and articles," he says. "I'm not frustrated. I don't interfere in jury decisions. I keep my feelings at a distance. I sit with the members and tell them about procedures they must follow."

People naturally assume that Kattan is an all-powerful figure who can break dreams and ignite hopes, but they're wrong, he says. "I'm a cultural administrator, a link between the state and writers and publishers. We give our grants without any political or ideological strings attached."

As Kattan points out, the Canada Council — which dished out a total of about $50 million in 1980 — functions on trust. Directives do not come thundering down from ministerial heights. Indeed, a parliamentary statute declares that "the Canada Council is not an agent of Her Majesty."

In 1977, the Lambert Royal Commission on Government Operations recommended that the council be accountable to, and directable by government. Nothing has happened since, but Kattan is a little concerned. As he puts it: **"Tighter government control would stifle freedom of expression and create a response of rejection from the public."**

Creators and consumers in Canada, he says, are accustomed to freedom.

The government, he muses, "does not have bad intentions. The trouble is that they think in terms of good administration, and not necessarily of culture."

Money permitting, Kattan would like to focus on several projects in the future.

He wants subsidies for writers whose books are in libraries; he wants to generate public readings by Canadian authors in the U.S.; he wants to create an international market for Canadians by establishing literary prizes and a translation fund.

Surprisingly, he does not think that the winning of a Nobel Prize by a Canadian writer would expose the world to Canadian literature. "It would be an honor for Canada, of course. But the winner would dominate the forum at the expense of all the others."

He sighs when he is asked whether governments should pay writers regular salaries.

A few countries, such as Sweden and Denmark, have offered writers guaranteed incomes. "I broached the proposal 10 years ago, but there was immediate opposition from politicians, who claimed it was an unequal scheme."

Kattan says they killed the idea by arguing that all writers should therefore be put on the government payroll.

For the foreseeable future, he states, writers will have to rely on Canada Council grants. A guaranteed income seems to be out of the question.

Kattan won't have to apply to the Canada Council for a grant. Because of his position, he'll have to write without the benefit of its largesse.

It suits him fine. He'll continue to produce his work without falling on the mercy of the Canada Council. He is now awaiting publication of "The Neighbor and Other Stories," which McClelland and Stewart is publishing shortly. Culled from two of his previous published French-language books, the stories are set in the Middle East and Canada.

Kattan, the administrator, is not resting on his literary laurels.

Letters to the Editor

Tribute to Newman

Only now have I received your Sept. 10 edition in which you published an article about the late David Newman, by Ben Kayfetz. The article was warm and tender and Mr. Kayfetz' obvious affection for Dave Newman came through clearly and beautifully. I can certainly say "Amen" to Ben's statement with respect to Dave Newman that "his talents and personality will best be remembered by those who had the privilege of personal exposure."

Harris D. Gulko
Jerusalem

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Not leaving U of T

In your Dec. 3 issue you report that I am leaving the University of Toronto to teach at the Hebrew University.

It is true that I will be teaching at the Hebrew U. But I will not be leaving the University of Toronto. I shall keep returning in order to teach at the University of Toronto each fall, teaching in Jerusalem the rest of the year.

Emil L. Fackenheim
Toronto

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Kosher Kookery

Thanks to The Canadian Jewish News and your What's New columnist, Miriam Herman, for announcing the first series of sessions for our new kosher cooking school, Kreative Kosher Kookery.

Within days of the announcement appearing in print, we were swamped with calls, helping us fill our entire November session and 50% of the spaces for our December session.

We are grateful for this service and, judging by the response, The CJN can be proud of Mrs. Herman's vast following.

Liz Gordon and Fran Woolf
Willowdale, Ont.

The Skokie story

I'm writing in connection with the film on Skokie and the excellent portrayal by Danny Kaye as a Holocaust survivor (CJN, Nov. 26).

I remember with shock reading about and seeing this sad and horrible incident taking place in the U.S.

Fortunately, my late father managed to escape his native West Berlin just the same as my mother escaped her native Hungary at the end of 1938 by going to Britain, where they met and married. I was born during the war.

My parents had to leave their parents behind, sisters, brothers, etc. We would have had a lovely, large family if it were not for the war.

I certainly don't blame "Max Feldman" (as portrayed by Kaye) for acting the way he did. Jews of future generations should always be told of the horrors of the Nazi regime and how six million Jews perished. We should always stand up for our rights to truly prevent another Holocaust.

Susan Judith Bernstein
Toronto

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Equal rights

The question is the intent of Canada's constitution and Charter of Rights' equal rights for both male and female.

Can this wording be interpreted to mean:

1. Boys and girls have equal rights to attend the same school and play hockey on the same team?

2. Men and women have equal rights to worship together and to enter the clergy of their choice?

3. He and she, the individual person, an adult, a spouse, a parent, and/or a child have equal rights for both male and female from the womb to the tomb?

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

Many designs for chanukiot appeared over generations

By JERRY D. BARACH

JERUSALEM —

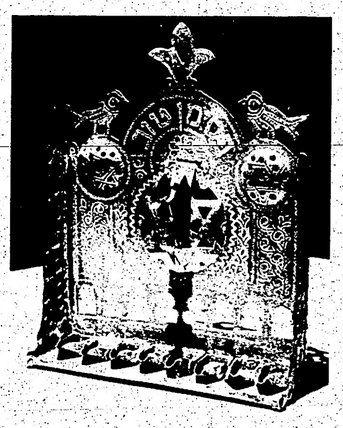
Most of us know of the Chanukah menorah as a rather simple affair, even though our menorot or "chanukiot," as they are more properly called, may range from inexpensive tin to heavy, solid objects made of silver, copper or brass.

Generally, the chanukiot familiar to most Jews today are of two basic types: the multi-branched menorah shaped ones, with arms or candle holders extending from a central elongated stem, or the "bench" type where the chanukiah sits squatly on the table, with candle holders in a horizontal row.

In spite of this generality, the chanukiah over the generations has appeared in thousands of design variations, ranging from quite simple stone oil containers to elaborate silver, brass and porcelain artifacts. Indeed, the chanukiah has become a highly developed form of Jewish ceremonial art. Even a short visit to the notable display of chanukiot at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem — or for that matter to any museum displaying Judaica — will soon open one's eyes to the tremendous creativity that has been poured into the design of chanukiot.

Not surprisingly, the designs of chanukiot in various communities and in various epochs are highly reflective of the art of the period and place in which Jews have found themselves. Surprisingly, the chanukiot also display many of the elements of architecture of those same periods — so much so that three years ago the Israel Museum presented a special exhibition and printed a catalogue illustrating the close connection between chanukiah designs and the local architecture over the past several hundred years.

Thus, for example, Yemenite chanukiot are generally made of stone and show, in some designs, typical Yemenite houses. Those from Poland, in elaborately detailed brass or bronze, have elements of Polish architecture and motifs, including the use of animal figures, which is highly typical of Polish folk art and architecture. One chanukiah on display in the Israel Museum from Galicia is a miniature reproduction of a section of a wooden synagogue in that region of the past century. Chanukiot from Morocco show extensive use of the crescent, an Islamic motif, and of moorish arches.



This Chanukah menorah originates from 17th century Iraq.

In German communities there was even a vogue of producing chanukiot that were designed as replicas of furniture of the period. An Italian chanukiah that can be seen at the Israel Museum has the loose cross-lace pattern that one can see in the frontal designs of the palaces of the Doges along the Grand Canal of Venice. Elements of Rococo and Baroque design are common in European chanukiot until very nearly modern times.

Even Christian symbols, somewhat disguised, can be noted in the chanukiot of the last couple of hundred years from Europe. The rosette window of Gothic churches, for example, can be found on some, as can the crowns of various royal houses of Europe, with the perennial cross at the top of the crown replaced discreetly, say, by an eagle.

Chaya Benjamin, curator of Judaica at the Israel Museum, explains why the chanukiah took on shapes and designs familiar to architecture. First, the chanukiah is, of course, reminiscent of the rededication of the Temple, itself a building. Then, the chanukiah is generally lit in the home although in some cases (as can still be seen in very Orthodox quarters in Israel today), it was lit and hung just outside the doorway. Third, chanukiot were very often designed and made by non-Jewish craftsmen, since Jews were not permitted into the various craft guilds of Europe. Naturally, these craftsmen used the symbols and motifs with which they were most familiar in executing their designs.

The oldest chanukiah of the 718 owned by the Israel Museum dates back to 14th century Spain or France (curators there are not sure which). Mrs. Benjamin said she knows of an older one, from the 13th century, which is in a private collection in Paris.

What, then, has happened to the truly ancient chanukiot? We know that they have been in use for centuries — since just after the Maccabean revolt against the Syrian-Greeks in the time of the Second Temple, when the "miracle of the oil" that burned for eight days occurred in the Temple in Jerusalem. Why, then, have no chanukiot been found from earlier periods — for example in the many archeological excavations that have been conducted all over Israel?

Benjamin feels that chanukiot as a "unit" or special ceremonial object probably did not exist until some several hundred years ago and that people may have used rather plain everyday stone oil containers or cups in which to kindle their Chanukah lights. Thus, it would be difficult for archeologists to show that small oil containers found in excavations were used specifically for Chanukah lights. The use of small stone oil cups for Chanukah had been the practice in Persian Jewry up to recent times.

Fortunately for us, however, the chanukiah menorah, with all its magical associations in Jewish life, did begin to develop as an art form among both Eastern and Western Jewry. Today, therefore, we are able to admire and enjoy the many innovative and lovely designs that have been created for its use on this most warm and enjoyable of holidays.

[World Zionist Press Service]

Chanukah message is never glorify war — rabbis emphasized oil miracle, not battles

By RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

The miracle of Chanukah did not only consist in the unusual burning time of the little cruse of oil, but also in the miraculous victory of the Maccabees. It was indeed an unnatural event when a handful of Jews, poorly armed, could overcome the mighty Greek military establishment.

The Maccabean victory is important because it represents the first time in recorded history that a nation went to war in defence of freedom of worship.

In terms of Jewish history, it was an important victory because for the first time in several hundred years the Jews had an independent state of their own. That victory parallels the establishment of the State of Israel in our own day.

Yet, all this information about the Maccabean revolt and eventual victory may have remained a mystery to us had it not been for the preservation of others of the apochryphal books, among them the Books of the Maccabees.

Jewish sources, particularly the Talmud, gloss over these crucial aspects on the Chanukah story. In all the traditional accounts, there is no mention of battles, not even a suggestion of a new independent state. Instead, the rabbis of the Talmud chose to emphasize only the miracle of the oil.

Why? Because the rabbis of the Talmud were limited pacifists.

Peace was their ideal, not war! They refused to glorify any military exploits. And I use the term limited advisedly, because in times of crisis they participated and supported war.

One of the fictions of Jewish history is that the Jews never fought . . . that they were absolute pacifists. Hannah Arendt, in her "Eichmann in Jerusalem," emphasizes this misconception. Modern Jewish historians, on the other hand, reveal that Jews in all ages carried arms and participated in the military expeditions of the countries they lived in. Only this can be said — that they rarely extolled the heroes or the victories.

Today, when nations celebrate the anniversary of their independence, they present military parades, patriotic speeches and exhibitions of their latest weapons. The rabbis of the Talmud, by contrast, command us to celebrate our independence by kindling lights. It was to be remembered as a spiritual, not a military victory.

Thus, though the festival of Chanukah is minor, its message to modern man is of supreme importance. It is a guide to our involvement in war and peace. It places before us the Jewish historic attitude to war. To use contemporary terminology — we are neither doves nor hawks.

We are not doves. In time of crisis, when our religious freedom is being strangled, when forces of evil attempt to overrun the world, we have the obligation to fight. We fought and we will fight!

But, the holiday of Chanukah also teaches us not to be hawks. To me the hawk is symbolic of anyone who glorifies war. This lesson of not glorifying war has not yet been learned by mankind.

So much of history concerns itself with military heroes. Our schools glorify the exploits of Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Genghis Khan, and Napoleon, who spread death and violence, rape and plunder wherever they went.

History is peculiar in that it tends to cover up the true havoc, destruction and suffering which these heroes brought about. Already historians are evaluating the "military genius" of Adolf Hitler.

This then is the message of Chanukah. Fight wars if you must! Send forth armies if you cannot avoid battle! But remember that war entails death and suffering, the killing of the innocent and the maiming of the defenceless. Never glorify war.

The pupils of an eminent rabbi complained about the existence of so much evil in the world and asked him how they might drive out the forces of darkness. The rabbi instructed them to take brooms and sweep the darkness from the cellar of the synagogue. The bewildered pupils went down to the cellar and attempted to sweep out the darkness.

When this failed, again they approached their teacher and he advised them to take sticks and beat vigorously at the darkness. This, of course, did not help either.

Then the rabbi suggested that they descend into the cellar once more and shout at the darkness and protest loudly against it. When this likewise failed, he said: "My children, let each of you meet the challenge of darkness by lighting a candle."

The students descended into the cellar and kindled their lights and — behold — the darkness disappeared.

In these days of gloom, as the world lives under the dark spectre of war and annihilation, the Jew lights his Chanukah candles — hoping and praying that others will follow suit and learn the lesson of Chanukah which is, in its own way, a prescription for peace.

Organizations and People

Hebrew U now in full operation

New $130 million campus on Scopus evokes criticism

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

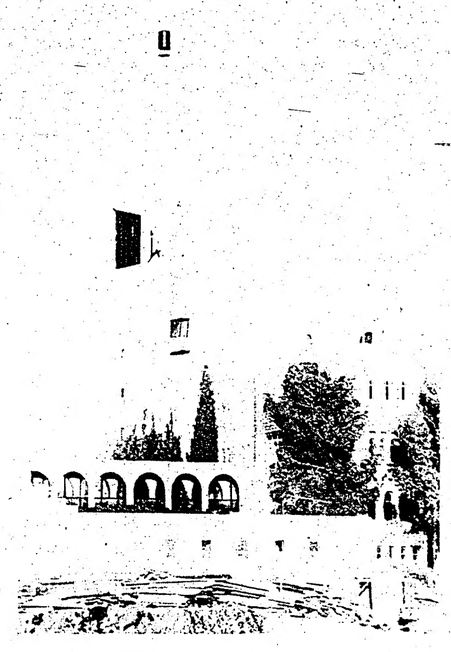
The start of the university year in November marked the beginning of full activity of the new Hebrew University campus on Mount Scopus.

The heady vision of the "Return to Scopus," which began after the Six Day War, has now been translated into reality after over 13 years of planning and a massive $130 million building project computerized every step of the way.

But if some see the new campus as the fulfilment of an historic dream and the yearning of the Hebrew University to return to its original home from which it was barred by the Jordanians for 19 years, others called it a wasteful and pretentious undertaking, decried the grandiose scale and cost of the campus, and deplored the separation of arts and sciences resulting from the decision to leave the maths and natural science faculties on the Givat Ram campus.

The controversial new campus on Scopus is, in effect, a university city for over 10,000 students and 5,000 faculty and administrative personnel. It houses the law faculty — first to return to its original gracious buildings on Scopus in 1968, the Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, the School for Overseas Students, the faculties of the humanities and the social sciences and the school of education. In addition there are dormitories and apartments for over 3,000 students.

In a roundup of reactions to the new campus in its first week of full operation, the carping and criticism appeared to outweigh the positive responses. Veteran teaching staff, unwilling to sever their attachment to the attractive and smaller-scale Givat Ram campus, attacked the political motivation behind the return to Scopus as "unparalled megalomani." They have called the architecture "brutal in style . . . reminiscent of periods of imperial decline, not of growth and creativity."



HU expands on Mt. Scopus.

Others, while not exactly giving the new campus their full endorsement, have said more philosophically, that the sages of Greece taught beneath trees, and that a university can function anywhere there are teachers qualified to teach and students willing to learn.

As flocks of staff and students descended on the brand new buildings, some still unfinished and deep in rubble, there were complaints at the difficulty of locating classrooms.

The various departments are color-coded and subdivided numerically into blocs and floors according to function: classrooms at the lower level, administration at the mezzanine level, and lecturers at the ivory-tower level. The levels are connected by an interior pedestrian causeway, flights of stairs and ramps for the disabled. It all seems logical enough once you get the hang of it, but the unfamiliar arrangements caused widespread exasperation.

"I feel I'm late for a train and I'm on the wrong platform," said a Jewish studies lecturer, gesturing helplessly at the large, numbered signs dividing the blocs.

"If the students are bright enough to figure their way around this labyrinth, we can do away with our entrance examinations," said a law lecturer.

A social science teacher, criticizing the hemmed-in feeling of the artificially-lit walkways connecting the buildings while concealing the view of the Old City and hills of Moab, said: "It looks like a fortress, and perhaps that was the idea of putting 15,000 people up here."

Others were troubled by the moral aspects: "I'm bothered by the tremendous amount of money spent on it," said a humanities graduate student. "If the money was around to do this, then why isn't it around to do Project Renewal in a bigger and better way?"

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Benny Mushkin, spokesman of the university, dismissed much of the criticism. "The function of the university is teaching and research and Mount Scopus is perfectly adapted to these talks," he said. "To the aesthetic criticism I have no reply — it's a matter of taste," he added. "But a lot of the criticism is unfair because it's not based on living on Scopus but on nostalgia for Givat Ram. Lecturers were used to working at home because there was no room for them any more at Givat Ram — it was bursting at the seams. Now they have to alter their habits and that takes time.

"People who had no experience of Givat Ram are certainly not unhappy with the new campus," he said.

Benny Mushkin's tour of the campus began with the space-age Bloomfield Library, one of many Canadian donations to the campus, which he described as the "jewel in the crown." In an undertaking probably unprecedented anywhere in the world, 26 departmental libraries were moved from Givat Ram to Mount Scopus, changed over from the old Dewey system of cataloguing to the continually updated Library of Congress system, and unified in an open-shelf, fully computerized operation.

The student conducts a conversation in either English or Hebrew with one of the computer terminals, not only to locate books but also to review comprehensive lists of material relating to a topic or author. At the exit an electronic gateway reminiscent of those used in airports, sounds an alarm if books not checked out are removed from the library.

It is one of only eight libraries in the world to boast advanced technology. But if some of the sophistication seems to bemuse the students and cause unforeseen snarl-ups, Dr. Elisheva Yaron, director of the library, urges patience: "It's like moving to a new house — it takes time at first to get used to the layout and form new habits."

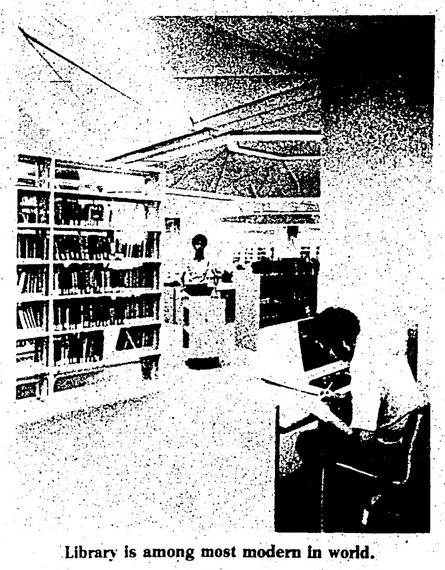
Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of the university, reacting with humor and indulgence to the critics, said: "We're just going through the initial birth pangs." He accused some of the ctitics of having short memories. "When I joined the university in 1947 we had plans for a university city. The plan as conceived then bears a tremendous similarity to what has been done up here now.

"If anything, the plan then was for an even larger campus. At that time we had just under a thousand students, yet the university had the vision to plan a campus actually bigger than the one we have today.

"And I remember the fuss when we built Givat Ram. The campus was called ugly, miles from anywhere. We were called megalomaniacs! We had two-and-a-half thousand students at that stage, and we built for 8,000. Who would have dreamed then that we would ever have 15,000 plus another 14,000 non-degree students?"

Recapturing the mood after the Six Day War which gave birth to the idea of a rebuilt campus on Mount Scopus, Vice-President Cherrick said: "All those years after 1948 we fought the Jordanian denial of our right of access to Mount Scopus and the nostalgia was real. When we got it back in 1967, a real presence on Mount Scopus fitted in with the political conception of the wholeness of Jerusalem.

"Of course practical considerations played a part — we were bursting at the seams at Givat Ram and what was more natural than to build? To the people worried about aesthetics, I'll show you how I react," he added, leading the way to his office window and displaying the sweeping, dramatic view over the campus. "Once the grass, trees, shrubs and roses have grown, I can assure you Mount Scopus will be as beautiful as Givat Ram."



Library is among most modern in world.

Answering crtiticism about the fortress-like aspect he said: "There is a grain of truth insofar as if there were ever to be another attempt to divide Jerusalem, the 15,000 people we have up here would certainly be a decisive factor. I am ready to say, as one involved in the defence of Scopus in 1948, that if, for example, the student dorms had been up here then, we would never have lost Scopus."

University spokesman Mushkin added that building constraints also dictated the form of the campus. Building above three or four floors was ruled out by city planners, so much building had to be underground. This actually represents a saving in heating costs as well as stone facing — an old Jerusalem bylaw from Mandatory times requires that every building in Jerusalem be faced with the local honey-pink limestone.

The linking of the buildings was also intended by the architects to be a mirror image of the walled Old City as well as to provide interior walkways to protect pedestrians from the chill, gale-force winds that sweep across the mountain in winter.

The bulk of the contributions — a whopping $90 million of the $130 million it took to build the campus — came from world Jewry, the rest from the Israeli government.

Vice-President Cherrick especially praised the outstanding contribution of Canadian Jewry. Recalling that the first building to go up on the Givat Ram campus was Canada Hall, he called Canadian Jewry "the permier Zionist community in the world."

Aside from the library, he reeled off an impressive list of Canadian contributions to the new campus: the major lecture hall of the humanities building, a major section of the social sciences building, the main building of the law faculty, the education library, the married students' dormitories, and a project for a huge park on the western slope of Scopus.

But he added: "By no means all Canadian projects are in terms of bricks and mortar. The fellowship, scholarship and book programs, the Canadian studies program and the law school moot court program are all Canadian projects."

These less visible aspects of university funding, together with the considerable sums it will take to maintain the campus are a continuing cause for concern. Prof. Eliezer Jaffe of the School for Social Work and an outspoken critic of what he calls "hit-and-run philanthropy" said in an interview: "It is a thousand times easier to raise money for buildings than for maintenance, teaching programs or scholarship funds for students. The buildings are the hardware, but they are mere shells unless we can raise money for the software.

"I should hate to see valuable programs — like the one for turning out directors of day care centres — hurt because of lack of funds. There must be an ongoing dialogue with the donors after the building goes up, and here the university has to come forward. I should like to see a dialogue between the different social science departments and donors. Direct . . . not through intermediaries. Donors could be hosted in our own departments. They could learn the needs.

"A classic example of what happens when not enough attention is paid to software, are certain community centres. The community centres are supposed to integrate the two cultures in Israel. In some cases the buildings went up but there was no money to subsidize membership fees for poorer Sephardi families. The better-off Ashkenazi families ended up using the community centre, the poorer families stayed away and the heart of the building went down the drain."

Concluded Prof. Jaffe, looking out of the window of his new room on Scopus: "The physical plant is here. But the contract is not fulfilled unless the buildings serve their purpose — which is to educate students. The question is: what is the next step?"

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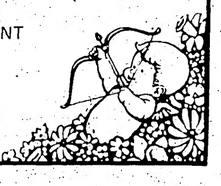

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It is now the time for people who have investment portfolios to sit down and review their holdings to see whether or not any tax savings can be achieved through the practice of "tax loss" selling before the end of this year.

Ever since capital gains became taxable in Canada in 1972, knowledgeable Canadian investors have sold off some of those securities on which a decline in value has occurred, to produce a loss which can be used to offset other gains which have been realized during the year.

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The first item to make a note of, is THE LAST DAY on which a sale can be made through a Candian stock exchange to achieve an effective disposition of a security for capital gains purposes. This day would appear to be Tuesday, Dec. 22 for 1981. This date is the deadline because there must be five trading days in the period following the date of sale so that "settlement" of the transaction can be made. Revenue Canada considers that the settlement date must fall in 1981 for the disposition of the security to be accepted for tax purposes.

A "cash sale" could be made at a time closer to Dec. 31 [which is the last business day in this calendar year] and such a transasction could still qualify for the creation of an allowable capital loss.

In planning the amount of allowable capital losses that are going to be recognized, it should be kept in mind that up to $2,000 worth of such losses (which is half the amount of the actual loss realized) can be applied against an individual's other sources of income for the year. The result is a kind of tax shelter against income other than taxable capital gains. Allowable capital losses must first be applied against taxable capital gains for the year, however.

As well, excess allowable capital losses can be carried back to the previous taxation year to the extent of a further maximum of $2,000 (if no taxable capital gains or allowable capital losses were reported for that year) and more than that if there were taxable capital gains in the previous year. A carryforward to future years is available once the maximum deductions for the current year and prior year have been made.

The intelligent use of allowable capital losses depends on a careful analysis of each investor's situation. A variety of different strategies may be available depending upon individual circumstances. Don't delay too much longer if this is an activity which could result in some tax savings to you by taking steps before Tuesday, Dec. 22.

UOJCA convention discusses family

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Six Torontonians attended the recent convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (UOJCA), an umbrella organization of Orthodox synagogue sisterhoods, in Glen Springs, N.Y.

Approximately 200 North American women — mostly rebbetzin and sisterhood presidents from Orthodox synagogues — came to the conference, which is held every two years. They were encouraged to discuss the conference theme, "the Jewish family," upon returning to their communities.

Participants from Toronto were: Bea Hoschander, wife of Shaarei Shomayim synagogue's rabbi; Rachel Bomzer, wife of Shaarei Zion synagogue's rabbi; Ruth Fruitman, president of Shaarei Shomayim synagogue's sisterhood; Mychal Tylman, Carol Krazetsky, and Erica Tanenbaum.

In discussing the role of women in the Jewish family, Norman Lamm, president of New York's Yeshiva University, and a keynote speaker at the conference, emphasized that religious women should not feel guilty about staying home and raising a family.

Addressing the issue of marriage, he prescribed that single Jewish men and women meet one another in respectable Jewish environments like synagogues, or organized get-togethers in the community. He denounced the singles bar scene as being inappropriate.

Lamm said that once a marriage has been established it can only be reinforced by good communication between husband and wife. He lamented the fact that too often couples "hear but don't listen to one another."

Yet communication breakdown is not the sole problem in separations or divorces, Lamm said. There's also a lack of manners, compromise and consideration by the respective spouses, he said.

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Serge Joyal, federal minister of state, discusses Soviet violations of human rights. Genya Intrator is chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, which sponsored Ottawa conference.

Mendelevich pleads for immediate action– situation becomes more desperate daily

By GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

On Dec. 24, Iosif Mendelevich will observe an anniversary in his adopted country, Israel. It is 11 years since he was sentenced in a Leningrad court, along with nine others, for the attempted hijacking of an airplane.

The "Leningrad 10," as they came to be known, were attempting to emigrate in the only way they could — illegally.

That act of desperation spawned the Soviet Jewry movement that allowed a quarter of a million Jews to emigrate over a decade. As a result of continued public pressure in the West, seven of the 10 were released before they served their full sentences.

Mendelevich alone, of the eight Jewish prisoners of Zion, was kept back. In February of this year, without warning or advanced notice to him, the Soviet authorities put Mendelevich on a plane to Vienna, and from there he was flown to Israel.

Mendelevich was a renegade. At 24 he was a devout Jew, determined to practice his religious beliefs despite attempts by the prison and labor camp guards to crush his will.

Mendelevich was in Ottawa recently to take part in a 1-day emergency conference called by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry. He was accompanied by his bride of 11 days, Kati. She had immigrated to Israel from France nine years ago and was actively involved in the Soviet aliya movement in Israel when they met.

Mendelevich addressed the 500 participants at the morning session, later in the afternoon at a rally held in front of the locked Soviet embassy, and once more at the conference wrap-up session. Each of his appearances was greeted with an outpouring of emotion for the man who has come to symbolize the will to survive despite oppression and relentless persecution.

"My very presence here reveals the lie of Soviet propaganda," he shouted to the Soviet authorities behind the iron fence. "We shall not permit them to lie to us ever again," Mendelevich continued in his prison-acquired English.

He told the conference delegates that the need for immediate action becomes more desperate each day. The messages reaching him from the activists are that Soviet authorities are clamping down on all forms of Jewish expression. Arrests, confiscation of books and other Jewish materials have reached alarming numbers in recent months, Mendelevich said.

Soviet authorities have assessed the mood in the West, he said. They believe the time is right to end the Jewish-Zionist movement in the Soviet Union. Repressive measures and a large scale anti-semitic campaign have affected Refuseniks in many centres, Mendelevich added.

"The Soviets think the Jews in the West are tired of the Soviet Jewish cause," he observed. "I do not know from what I see that this is not true."

Jewish prisoners in Soviet jails cling to every demonstration or protest that reaches them, Mendelevich pointed out. They are watching the West desperately for a revitalization of the activist program that flourished when he was in prison. Other prisoners and dissidents also watch the Jewish activists because "this is a fight for all human beings, for their human freedoms," Mendelevich emphasized.

When the 10 were sentenced 11 years ago, Soviet Jews began an active campaign to be allowed to emigrate to Israel, knowing they had enormous support in Western countries.

"We were the source of change, not they," Mendelevich said.

As the number of arrested Refuseniks has soared in recent months and Jews have remained silent in the West, many people who have applied for exit visas now fear for their lives, he said.

Boris Chernobilsky, arrested May 10 for hooliganism, is on trial. Mendelevich pleaded with those at the conference to take some action for Chernobilsky before it is too late. "It is not enough to sit in this luxury hotel and speak words of concern for this man," Mendelevich said. "This is not the time for conferences or conversations only. For the Refuseniks, each day is very valuable."

Mendelevich was impressed, however, with the large number of students who came to the conference to express their concern. He conducted a workshop for the 150 high school students from Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal to urge them to initiate programs in their schools to involve more young people in the struggle for Soviet Jewry before the gates close completely.

He told the students how systematically the Soviet Union is pursuing its policy of cultural, historical and religious annihilation of Jewish life.

Unless something is done on a large scale, Mendelevich said, the Soviet authorities will not hesitate to intensify their anti-semitic actions.

Well... at least there wasn't a World War III

By CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

They do it every year, and they're doing it again now — the astrologists and the soothsayers who consult the stars and announce to the public their predictions — dire or delightful — of what will happen during the coming year, 1982.

How reliable are their prognostications?

Last year I craftily filed away all the predictions, and now I trot them out for verification. If we compare the forecasts it would appear that some of the prophets consult entirely different sets of stars. At any rate, the following is what is supposed to have happened during the 12 months of 1981.

Herzl Lipshitz, best known of Israel's astrologists, had a mixed bag of successes and failures. He predicted that the Likud would be returned to power, but Begin would be out of service for prolonged periods because of illness. Assad of Syria and Hussein of Jordan were both to be toppled by September of 1981. Brezhnev was to retire from power in the Soviet Union. Before the year was up a military agreement was to have been reached between Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia and even Iran, now free of Khomeini, was to join. The American hostages in Iran were to be released between Jan. 10-22, 1981 (bullseye!). Israel would strike oil this year. Reagan would be assassinated. By the end of the year World War III would break out. Israel would emerge not only safe, but stronger than ever.

Judge for yourselves how well he did.

His major competitor is Miriam Spector. She had a different view of what was to be expected. She found all indications in the horoscope of Shimon Peres that he would become Prime Minister. There was no chance of finding oil in Israel. She foresaw violence in Egypt, but the peace process with Israel would continue.

Without being specific, she forecast earthquakes in various parts of the world, mounting energy problems [a safe prediction], crisis in the stock exchanges, and an expansion of religious revivalism.

She agreed with Lipshitz that the American president faced danger of assassination.

She too foresaw World War III, but placed its outbreak in the beginning of 1984.

In the summer of 1981 an Israeli personality was supposed to have won a prestigious international honor. Shlomo Glickstein tried . . .

Clairvoyant Miriam Benyamin took to the radio last New Year to tell the public what to expect. According to her, Labor would win the elections, Israel would strike oil this year, and Khomeini would be finished — through! However, she agreed with her colleagues that Reagan should beware of an ambush being prepared for him by demented men.

The traditional astrologists were last year challenged by a pair of young men, Danny Herman, and Shmuel Waknin, both in their early 20s who maintained that the old-timers were not using proper mathematical methods to study the movements of the celestial bodies. Their calculations showed that in the fall of 1981 there would be danger to Sadat — but he would escape. Israel would lose more friends abroad, the government at home would be increasingly impotent, subject to crises and helpless in the face of problems. There would be a hysterical reaction by the public and outbreaks of violence. An accident would cause national mourning. The economic situation in Israel would continue to improve.

They ventured a look into the coming year as well and warned that in August-September of 1982 Israel would be faced with grave danger to its very existence. First signs of this danger would appear in March, 1982.

Herman and Waknin contemptuously declared that 80% of the predictions by the other astrologists turn out to be wrong. It would appear that their own average is not much better.

It's an interesting game. I suggest to readers who would like to try a hand at it that they drink a pint of whiskey, straight, wait for reaction, and then record their predictions for 1982. If they can still write straight.

PLO at parley; matter is referred to CIC

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The Jewish community, to date, has made no official comment on the presence of two representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization at the recent Parti Quebecois national congress.

Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec Region chairman Frank Schlesinger said the matter has been referred to the Canada-Israel Committee. CJC sent an observer to the weekend congress.

Israeli consul-general Yitzchak Mayer called the incident "bizarre." Basing his remarks on the reassurances of PQ vice-president Sylvain Simard that the invitation does not imply recognition of the PLO nor does the party intend to recognize the PLO, Mayer told The Canadian Jewish News: "We are confident that this odd, strange and bizarre demonstration will, in perspective, be regarded as a mere episode and will not impair the ties between the people of Israel and the people of Quebec."

Vice-consul Jacques Revah attended the second day of the congress.

Premier Rene Levesque, who is both leader and president of the PQ, quickly dissociated himself from the invitation to the PLO. The day after the conclusion of the congress, in a television interview on Radio-Quebec, he attributed the invitation of the PQ to the "political immaturity of some members of the PQ executive."

The two PLO observers were Abdullah Abdullah, director of the Palestinian Information Office in Ottawa, and Edmond Omran, of the newly opened Palestinian office in Montreal. The latter is the author of "La memoire d'un peuple — la Palestine," a book recently published by Carrefour International.

This marked the first time the PLO had been invited as observers to a convention of a North American political party.

The PLO representatives were among about 20 foreign observers invited to the congress. According to Simard, "Invitations were sent to all the progressive parties in the world, including the Israeli Labor Party."

No Labor Party representatives, however, attended. Joe Baumholz, director of the Labor Zionist Alliance, told The CJN he knew nothing of the invitation.

The PQ paid for the travel expenses of the foreign observers.

Michel Leduc, a member of the PQ national executive, said the PLO and other foreign observers were invited as "an international public relations" gesture. The PQ, he said, had made contact with most of the congress' foreign observers during the party's attendance at the Socialist International Congress in Madrid last year.

Omran indicated that the association went deeper. In Canada, he claimed, the PLO receives its greatest support in Quebec.

"I think there is an affinity, a sympathy between the Palestinian people and the Quebecois. . . . When we were presented to the delegates, the reception we received was so tremendous that we felt that the Quebecois are really behind us," he said. More than 2,000 PQ delegates attended the congress.

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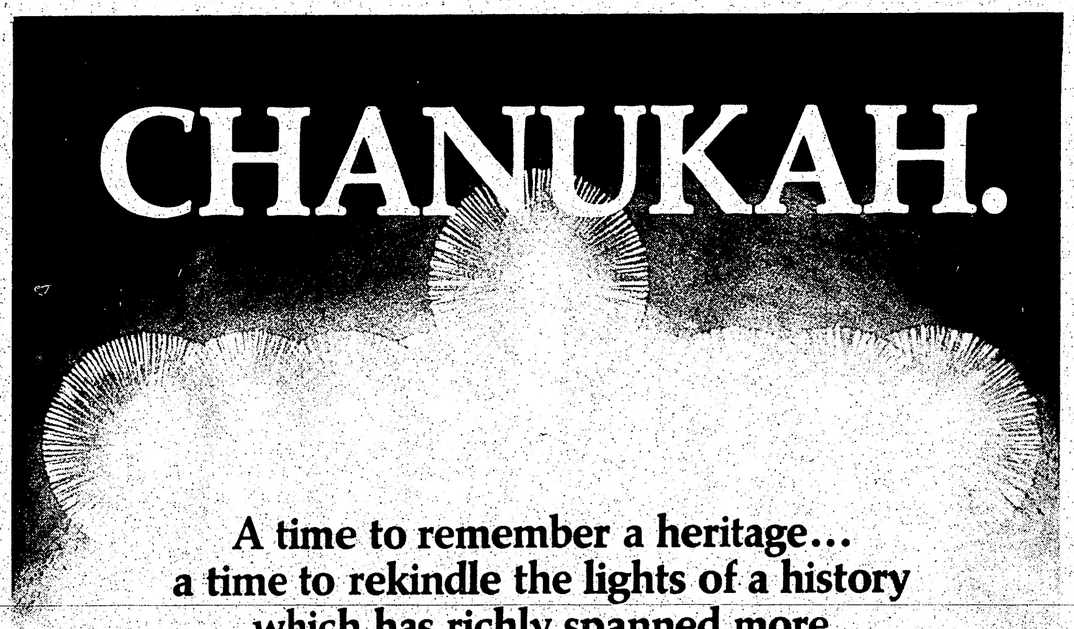

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What's New

Miriam Herman is on leave of absence for the winter months and the column will be handled during her absence by MIRIAM CHINSKY. Deadline for this column is Wednesday, 5 p.m. Please note that there will be no issue of The CJN on Dec. 31 because of irregular mail during the holiday season. The first issue of 1982 will be out on Jan. 7. Because of the holiday, deadline for Jan. 7 issue is TUESDAY NOON, Dec. 29.

CHANUKAH AT YORKDALE

B'nei Akiva of Toronto invites the community to a Chanukah candlelighting celebration Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7.30 p.m. at Yorkdale Shopping Centre (junction of the mall). Music will be provided by the HaDlatot Band. Sponsors are Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Youth and Hechalutz — The Zionist Youth Movement, Canadian Zionist Federation, Aliyah Centre, and Yeshivot B'nei Akiva.

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 3560 Bathurst St., is looking for creative arts volunteers. The need is urgent for a painting instructor on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. A general assistant for the Wagman Centre creative arts department is also required, for Tuesdays and Thursdays, mornings and or afternoons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. And, assistance is requested in the arts and crafts program of Baycrest Day Care, Monday through Thursday in the afternoon.

For more information about this, or to discuss ideas for new creative arts projects for Baycrest seniors, please call the volunteer department, 789-5131, ext. 288.

AJALON LODGE

Toronto advertising executive **David Cravit** will explain "Israel's Response to Arab Propaganda" when he addresses a meeting of Ajalon Lodge members and guests on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 8.30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Refreshments will be served.

HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE

Rabbi Harvey J. Fields, recently returned from leadin[illegible] Holy Blossom Temple-Timothy Eaton Mem[illegible] stu[illegible] attending the Union of American Hebrew Congregations general assembly in Boston, will report on Frid[illegible] Temp[illegible] confrontu[illegible]ntaisn

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THE MEETING PLACE

Remember Saturday evening, Dec. 19, from 8:30, for the Monte Carlo Extravaganza at The Meeting Place, 788 Marlee Ave. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. Admission is $5 with proceeds going to the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Also, on Sunday, Dec. 20, following the 10 a.m. karate class, an open forum is planned in the Jerusalem Hall at 1 p.m. when **Rabbi David Monson**, of Beth Sholom Congregation, invites participation in a discussion on "The Spirit of the Macabees: Jewish Heroes Then and Now." At 3 p.m. Israeli folkdancing with **Sharon Herman** is scheduled. For additional information, call **Malka**, 781-3571.

CBC CHANUKAH PROGRAM

On Dec. 20, CBC Radio's "Celebration" series will broadcast a special program in honor of Chanukah, featuring two recent works by composer **Ben Steinberg**.

"Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee," for flute, soloist, choir and organ, was commissioned for Temple Sinai's 25th anniversary, and will be performed by flautist **Suzanne Shulman**, Cantor **Severin Weingort**, organist **Giles Bryant** and a CBC concert choir.

"The Scattered of Israel," based on a poem by Baltimore's **Rodger Kamenetz**, was originally commissioned by the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation for its 150th anniversary and will be performed by soloist **Barbara Sadegur**, narrator **Harry Mannis**, organist **Giles Bryant** and the CBC choir.

The program will also include readings from the libretto of Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabeus."

Plan to listen on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10.05 p.m.: CBC stereo radio (FM-94.1).

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN

Upper Canada Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, is having a festive membership evening at 8 p.m. on Dec. 22, and will light the third candle for Chanukah. A film will be shown, and refreshments are to be served. For information regarding location and any other details, please call 225-8716, or 663-8565.

PAVAROTTI TO ATTEND BALL

Tenor **Luciano Pavarotti** will be guest of honor at a gala ball, Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Harbor Castle Convention Centre in Toronto. Proceeds are in support of Toronto's Columbus Centre.

The following day, Monday, Jan. 18, Pavarotti will be doubly honored when the spectacular main floor foyer of Columbus Centre is named "The Pavarotti Pavilion" in recognition of his unique talents and contribution to music. The ceremony will commence at 11.30 a.m.

For tickets and further information, phone **Jenny Barlas**, 789-7011.

NORTH PEEL JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Bramalea area will enjoy Chanukah festivities when the North Peel Jewish Association gives a party in the Knightsbridge Community Centre on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. There is no charge for members. Admission is $7 per family for non-members. For more details, call **Bette-Ann Goldstein**, 857-2104.

CENTRE FOR THE DEAF

The recently constructed Community Centre for the Deaf now bears the name of **Rev. Bob Rumball**, who has been serving the hearing disabled for 25 years. He is asking for support in expanding its programs and services. If you would like to contribute, please phone 449-9651.

SENIORS HAPPENINGS

Holy Blossom Alumni has planned a Chanukah luncheon with entertainment by **Marvin Rosenheim**, at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1950 Bathurst St. Cost is $16.

The Senior Sinais are holding their 10th annual Chanukah latke party with dancing to a live orchestra, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. For reservations, call 630-0780, or 226-3252.

Residents of Baycrest Centre will telephone loved ones Dec. 20 in many countries including Australia, Israel and South America to wish them a Happy Chanukah. The calls are sponsored for the 19th straight year by Wilson Heights Lodge, B'nai B'rith. Lodge members volunteer their time to socialize with the residents and to help them make the calls. Letters are written in advance to inform recipients to expect the calls. This wonderful concept is spreading to other organizations, and Kiwanis clubs are considering its adoption.

Baycrest Entertainers, a theatre troupe of 30 Jewish Home for the Aged residents and Day Care members, who write, choreograph, costume and [illegible] stage sh[illegible] ha[illegible] "Sweatshops of the Golden Land, America." This is based on personal experience as garment workers, and describes their struggle for better working conditions. On Dec. 23, they will perform at a private party for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union retirees, at a combined Chanukah and Christmas party in the Steelworkers Hall, 33 Cecil St. (the early address of the Jewish Old Folks Home).

Jewish Ethics, Philosophy and Law continues its Wednesday afternoon lecture series in the Assembly Room of the Wagman Centre from 3-4 p.m. **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will speak on "Ethical Concepts — Practical Mitzvot." The date is Dec. 23.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 7.30-8.30 p.m., **Cantor Albert Feldman** will appear in concert at the Wagman Centre.

And, in the Wagman Centre, on Sunday, Dec. 27, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. there will be a Chanukah dance with refreshments. The shuttlebus will be available from 6.45 p.m. until 10.45 p.m. Admission: Terrace residents $1.50, guests $2.50.

At the North-East Jewish Seniors Club meeting in Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St. (north of Finch), Monday, Dec. 21, 1-4 p.m., there will be a social hour, and a celebration of Chanukah. The club will present "The Moods and Music of Chanukah," a musical program by **Linda Segal** for listening and participation. Latkes will be served.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club +50 observes Chanukah with a party, music by the Choir for Creative Living, and latkes, on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 1.15 p.m. Cost is $2.75 per person, and everyone is welcome. Please reserve, 781-3511.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club will have a Chanukah luncheon, Monday, Dec. 21 at 12.30 p.m. Actress-singer **Eva Fishman**, violinist **Moishe Turk** with **Faigele Gartner** at the piano, and humorist **Morris Naftolin**, will entertain. For more information, call **Vera Shulman**, 638-4163.

Senior Citizens Neighborhood Club will celebrate Chanukah at the BBYO House, 15 Hove St., at 12 noon, Dec. 24. Beth Sholom's **Rabbi David Monson** will talk on "The Present Situation in Israel." All members are welcome. President is **Sam Greenspan**, and secretary, **Harry Hoffman**.

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN ISRAEL

The Association of Parents with Children in Israel looks forward to a Chanukah celebration Sunday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Haifa Room of the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. It will be an evening of socializing, music, and entertainment with **Linda Seigal**. Sponsor is the Israel Aliyah Centre. For additional information, call 781-4660.

KREATIVE KOSHER KOOKERY

A series of four Wednesday evening classes, 7.30-10 p.m., during the month of January, will be given by Kosher Kreative Kookery, at 41 Shenstone Rd. Tofu, yeast dough, exotic gourmet recipes, and elegant entertainment will be highlighted. Cost is $50 for four lessons. For more information, phone **Liz Gordon**, 661-2734, or **Fran Woolf**, 661-7675.

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As a special holiday entertainment, Toronto Workshop Productions will present "The Many Humorous Adventures and Exploits of Mr. Pickwick, P.P.M.P.C." until Jan. 3. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8.30 p.m. and Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. For ticket information contact **David Paquet**, 928-0660, or 925-8640.

BETH TZEDEC CRAFT FAIR

A Chanukah Craft Fair, sponsored by Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20 between 2 and 5 o'clock. There will be crafts to make and to buy, plus latkes, games, folkdancing and children's movies. Everyone is welcome; admission is $1.50.

BRANSON HOSPITAL TEA

Branson Hospital Auxiliary has arranged a Holiday Tea for Thursday, Dec. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria, 555 Finch Ave. W. Admission is $2.50 per person, with proceeds for hospital equipment.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH PARTY

The Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue are giving a Chanukah party Sunday, Dec. 20, 2-4 p.m., at 3600 Bathurst St. There will be refreshments, Chanukah packages, live entertainment, and a cartoon movie, "Benjamin and the Miracle of Chanukah." All families and friends of Shaarei Tefillah members are welcome. No charge.

CURRENT AFFAIRS COURSE

A course in Current Affairs (levels I and II) with weekly seminars on national and global news will be conducted by **Erika Biro** commencing in January. To register for the 10-week sessions, afternoon or evening classes, at Bayview and Sheppard, call 444-3904. Political hot spots will be examined, and daily events followed in the media.

SHORT ISRAEL TOURS

The World Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Movement continues to offer one and two-day tours for visitors to Israel during December. These are reasonably priced and especially attractive to the [illegible]ist who is [illegible]ar tour program. There are [illegible] day tours to Gush Etzion and Chevron as well as to Yamit and the Gaza region. A two-day tour covers the Galilee and Golan Heights.

For more information please call (514) 739-4748 in Montreal. In Israel call (02) 635-282 and ask for **David** or **Rachel**.

GALICIANER ASSOCIATION

A Chanukah card night is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the B'nai B'rith building, 15 Hove St., by the Galicianer Association of Toronto. All proceeds will go to support work at the Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel. Everyone is welcome.

CHANUKAH CONCERT

B'nai Torah presents its annual Chanukah concert featuring **Uncle Moishy** and **Shema Kolenu** musicians, Sunday night, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in Earl Haig secondary school, 100 Princess Ave. Tickets are $3.50. Please call **Mindy Klein**, 224-1978, or **Toby Goldberg**, 223-6157.

TV HEALTH PROGRAM

"Health Here and Now," on Willowdowns Cable each Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, will feature a talk on health food stores by **Rebecca Clarkes**, editor of Alive Magazine, on Dec. 23. Moderator and producer of the series is **Sonnee Cohen**. Sponsors are the International Health Information Services, and the Worldwide Diabetic Information Service.

If you have questions, or suggestions for future programming, write to Health Unlimited, 1201 Steeles Ave. W., Suite 603, Willowdale, M2R 3K1.

FOR CHILDREN

In a special presentation, the **Matzaplece Theatre** will offer a Chanukah play with puppets, "The Littlest Maccabee," Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 10.30 a.m. in the Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., phone 787-0179.

IMMIGRANT ARTIFACTS DISPLAYED

"In Praise of Skills from the Old Lands," an exhibition of artifacts and hand-crafts brought by immigrants to Canada, is on display in the gallery at historic Mackenzie House, 82 Bond St. until Feb. 15.

A mosaic of vibrant colors and textures, the artifacts, dating from the 1600s to the 1940s, are representative of various community groups — British, Croation, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Jewish, German, Polish, Swedish and Ukrainian.

Hours are 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sundays and holidays. Admission: adults $1, children and seniors 50 cents, (extra 25 cents for refreshments during the holiday season, until Dec. 31).

VIENNESE CONCERT SERIES

CBC Festival of Toronto presents "A Musical Portrait of Vienna," a 5-concert "tour" through Europe's musical capital with pianist **Elyakim Taussig** and other noted performers, including violinist **Albert Pratz**, cellist **Coenraad Bloemendal**, and flautist **Suzanne Shulman**.

The concerts commence in the Great Hall of Hart House, University of Toronto, on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. and continue each Sunday until Feb. 14.

Only 200 tickets are available. Cost is $12 for the complete series, and $4 per individual concert ticket. For more information phone 925-3311, ext. 4835.

HUMANE SOCIETY WINTER ADVICE

Most cats and dogs don't like the cold any more than people do. Please don't expect your dog to stay out in the yard as long as he would in warmer weather, advises the Toronto Humane Society.

If your pet does stay outdoors, make sure he has immediate access to shelter. It should be weather-proofed, free from draft, and have flooring at least 6 inches above ground. The entrance should have a heavy fabric flap to keep out wind and wet.

A doghouse should not be too large . . . just sufficient for the pet to stand up, lie down with legs fully extended, and turn around. If it's larger it will be difficult to keep warm enough.

And a word about cats. All too often they seek shelter from the cold in the still-warm engine of a car. Bang hard on the hood before you start your car in winter; give the cat a chance to escape. He could be very seriously injured if a limb gets caught in the fan belt.

HIAS SEEKING ZAPOROZHE JEWS

HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, is trying to locate Jews who lived in the city of Zaporozhe (Zaporozhye), Ukraine, during the period 1941-44, about a matter of utmost importance. Please call or write **Joseph Edelman** of HIAS about this matter. The address is 200 Park Ave. S., New York, NY 10003; the telephone number is (212) 674-6800.

CHANUKAH AT PETAH TIKVA

Petah Tikva Sisterhood will celebrate the congregation's 25th Chanukah in the synagogue, 20 Danby Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 26 at 8.30 p.m. with an oriental evening. Everyone is welcome. For reservations please phone 663-4719 or 663-6531.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Three winter courses in photography begin the week of Jan. 11 at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. **Ben Lechtman** will teach Photography I — for the novice or occasional picture taker. Photography II — if you have some basic knowledge but want to learn more, and Darkroom — for those who have darkroom experience but lack facilities. For more information, call 924-6211.

Please note the following corrections on page 18 in the JCC-TIME winter issue, carried in last week's Canadian Jewish News: Calligraphy I, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1-3 p.m.; Calligraphy I, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7.30-9.30 p.m.; Calligraphy II, Monday, Jan. 11, 7.30-9.30 p.m. and Calligraphy II, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 9.30-11.30 a.m. For more information please call 636-1880, ext. 15 or 43.

A fun-filled family Chanukah program takes place at the northern branch, JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., Sunday, Dec. 20. Events commence at 10 a.m. with a family singsong led by **David Buzaglo**, proceed with a menorah lighting ceremony when Chanukah freedom runners will arrive with a torch lit 21 km away at the Toronto airport, and continue until 12 noon when **Barbara** and her volunteers prepare and offer latkes in the lobby. In the afternoon, there will be fun and fitness for pre-schoolers and parents, co-ed volleyball for older children and parents, (bring running shoes) and family crafts. Everyone welcome.

Camp Winter Fun for children 5 to 12 years will take place at the northern branch from Friday, Dec. 25 to Thursday, Dec. 31. Applications for this action-packed program will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is $65 for members, and $75 for non-members. [illegible] applications deadline is Dec. 21. For more information please call camp office 636-1880, ext. 20, 21.

FOR SINGLES

Adath Israel Classrim (35-50) invite you to the opening meeting of the year, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. Brunch [illegible] Applebaum [illegible] Planning." Cost to brunch is $3.50 and must be prepaid. For reservations please remit to Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview.

Begin your Chanukah celebration with the JCC Singles (35-55) by dropping in to the Senior Lounge of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. Latkes will be frying and coffee and pastry will be served. Bring along games — chess, backgammon, cards, etc. — or just spend the evening visiting and meeting new people. Cost: $3. For more details call **Lynne**, 636-1880, ext. 38.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Yachad Singles (30-49) is holding an Oneg Shabbat Friday, Dec. 18, 8.15 p.m. The program following the service will be a panel discussion on the topic, "If You Were Granted One Wish Would You Choose to Help the World?"

Haverim (25-35) is having a Games Night on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. For more details call **Rifka**, 483-6085, or **Helen**, 633-7868.

The New Young Professionals Club (25-35) announces free membership to all new applicants. Don't be shy. The nicest people come out to these parties. To inquire further, call **Sheldon**, 653-1381.

JCC Singles (25-35) have planned a Chanukah dance at JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles), 8 p.m. on Dec. 19, **not** Dec. 20, as previously stated. Members $4, non-members $5, including all refreshments.

CORRECTION

In a photograph which headed the "What's New" column of Dec. 10, **Gordon Mendly** was incorrectly identified as chairman for the Toronto chapter, Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel. The chairman is **Irving Matlow**.

We regret the error and would like to note that Mr. Mendly is liaison officer for the association to the landsmanshaften and other community organizations.

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Public address Dec. 21

TORONTO —

Former Refusenik Iosif Mendelevich will address the community at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., on Monday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

His talk, "From Exile to Redemption," will coincide with a Chanukah celebration co-sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Mendelevich is speaking here and in Montreal to point out the increasing restrictions recently imposed on Jews in the Soviet Union, which have dramatically reduced emigration.

Mendelevich, now living in Israel, was the last of nine men released who were imprisoned by Soviet authorities in 1970 for having planned to hijack a small airplane in a bid to leave the USSR.

Born into a traditional family in Riga, Mendelevich carried his strict observance over into prison, for which he suffered additional hardships.

He balked at working on Shabbat and Jewish holidays, and at eating non-kosher food.

The kipa he wore was often removed by force and caused him difficulties for "violating prison clothing regulations."

He was released suddenly in February, 1981, and went to Israel where he is involved in the Soviet Jewry movement.

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BETH JACOB'S NUSSBAUM WINNERS

The Baruch Nussbaum Memorial Scholarship was presented by Mrs. Hilda Nussbaum [left] to Tsivi Chase and Robin Wolfe at recent annual banquet of Beth Jacob High School.

About People

RABBI PEARLSON ON EXECUTIVE

The Reform movement in Canada and the United States has over one million members in almost 800 congregations, who join in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Approximately 150 are drawn from the million to form the board of trustees of the Union. From that group, 20 are elected to the executive committee. The only rabbi in that group is **Jordan Pearlson**, of Temple Sinai Congregation in North York.

STUDENT WINS ART AWARD

Kim McNeilly

Kim McNeilly seems to have inherited her talent. A granddaughter of Toronto artist **Tutzi Seguin**, the 17-year-old student won a first prize in a competition to design a logo celebrating Toronto's sesquicentennial (150 years). The competition was open to all school students and professional artists in the city.

70th BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to **Benjamin Schneider**, former executive vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, who last week celebrated his 70th birthday. Ben is still going strong as a consultant to the UJWF Endowment Fund, and is also engaged in many other community activities.

ESSAY PUBLISHED

A review essay by Adath Israel's **Rabbi Erwin Schild** of the book, "Deemed Suspect — A Wartime Blunder" by CBC producer Erich Koch, a World War II internee in British camps, has been published in the Canadian Jewish Historical Society Journal. The rabbi, himself an internee, gives an authoritative presentation.

FROM TORONTO

Rabbi Melvin L. Libman, a former resident of Toronto who served as rabbi in Beth Tzedec Congregation, has been named assistant executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in the United States and will supervise rabbinic, educational, and training activities as well as the programs of Young Leadership, Young Women's Leadership, Operation Upgrade, faculty and student divisions. Currently a doctoral candidate at New York University, Rabbi Libman lives with his wife, Hilda, and three children, Risa, Raquel and Svi, in New Haven, Conn.

Berris chair is dedicated at the Weizmann Institute

REHOVOT, Israel —

The Dr. Barnet Berris professional chair in cancer research was dedicated recently at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. The project, established in perpetuity, was inaugurated by a keynote address from Dr. Berris, of Toronto.

Presided over by Institute president Prof. Michael Sela, the dedication heard Dr. Berris praise the high level of scientific research conducted at Rehovot.

Berris said the "establishment of this chair has demonstrated the very close ties the Jewish community of Canada has with Israel," and he was confident that the first incumbent of the Berris chair, Prof. Yoram Groner, a high-ranking geneticist at the Institute, would continue to be productive in his cancer research. Groner has spotlighted the role of chromosomal changes in the transformation of normal cells to tumors.

Professor of physical diagnosis at the University of Toronto and formerly chief of medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, Berris expressed gratitude to the Toronto physicians' group of the Institute's Canadian Society, which mobilized funds for the creation of the chair, and thanked his many colleagues, patients, friends and leaders of the Canadian Society for the honor.

In the spring of 1980, a tribute dinner was held in Toronto in honor of Berris with nearly 300 couples contributing in excess of $350,000 to establish the chair in perpetuity in his name.

Dr. Barnet Berris, with Weizmann president Michael Sela seated at his side, gives an address at recent dedication.

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TJSHI celebrates first birthday

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired (TJSHI) turned one year old recently and about 145 people turned out at Council House to wish the organization happy birthday.

Men, women, children, parents and relatives joined in the celebrations which included dinner, speakers and entertainment.

For both hearing and hearing impaired, Irene Kessel's interpretation of songs was a singularly beautiful performance. Kessel, who is a sign language teacher and is hearing impaired, won enthusiastic applause.

Barry Stein, TJSHI president, reported on his trip to the Second World Congress in Israel for the Jewish Deaf. Stein said about 300 people attended the congress which included Jewish hearing impaired from all over the world. Six from Canada attended. They were: Alan Cheifetz, Windsor; Bill Parker, Calgary; twins Deborah and Karen Karp, Ottawa; and Stein and Arthur Gunter, Toronto.

Stein said hearing impaired societies are being formed in places such as Chicago and Rochester, N.Y. Although growth has been slow, it nevertheless looks promising, he said.

According to Stein, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren told the Israeli meeting that all restrictions in Jewish law imposed on the hearing impaired should be removed.

New technology has now made it possible for the deaf to participate fully in the Jewish community, Rabbi Goren was reported to have said. The rabbi said further that prohibition, such as those against the deaf buying land, are now rendered obsolete in the modern world.

The congress attributed the failure of Jewish identification amongst the hearing impaired to the lack of signers in the Jewish community, a lack of public awareness of the concerns of the hearing impaired, non-existent programs in Jewish studies and general indifference.

Flowers and special awards for outstanding service to the society over the past year were given to Ruth Martin, Donna Shenkman, Lesley Miller, Lil Stein and Georgina Grossman, all members of Toronto section, National Council of Jewish Women. Toronto section pioneered the hearing impaired project in the summer of 1980.

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Organizations and People

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeshev/Chaunkah 5742

Chanukah is a time of pure spiritual joy. Where there is a great mitzvah, there is also great simcha — and humor.

The Radziner Rav had a toothache during Chanukah and went to the dentist. The dentist extracted the tooth. When the rebbe offered to pay, the dentist refused saying: "Accept it in place of Chanukah gelt."

The Radziner thanked him but said: "Please, don't tell my baaleibatim. There are many baaleibatim who in place of Chanukah gelt would like to yank out the rabbi's teeth."

Incidentally . . . it's not easy being a rabbi of a congregation. Said one rabbi who suffered more than enough from his congregation: "In the Grace after meals we thank G-d for the food he gives us 'b'chain, b'chessed u'vrachamim' — with goodness, with grace and with tender mercy.

Many times a new rabbi comes to a congregation. The first year it's with chain — goodness. Everyone is pleased with him. The second year his lustre disappears and he's there with chessed — with grace. The third year, when everyone has tired of him, it requires rachamim — tender mercies to survive.

But when a congregation and rabbi work together, respect each other, then everyone benefits. . . .

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Chanukah gelt and sharing of blessings have a long tradition.

There used to be a custom among Sephardim in Jerusalem that the children of the Talmud Torahs went from house to house, singing a hymn based on the words of Father Jacob to his sons: "Shuvu shivru lanu m'at ochel. . . . Go again, buy us a little food."

The money collected is used to make a great feast for the teachers and students of the Talmud Torahs, in remembrance of the dedication of the altar in the tabernacle.

At the feast, the words "Shuvu shivru lanu m'at ochel" are sung 308 times, which is the gematria of the word "Shuvu."

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Not everyone has it so good, though.

[illegible] Chanukah, a poor melamed [illegible] students that it's a minhag to bring the rebbe Chanukah gelt. He waited expectantly for the holiday, but when Chanukah came, he received no gelt.

The next week, the melamed taught the children the story of Genesis, and told them that Abel killed his brother Cain. The children told their parents, and all the fathers came running angrily: "What kind of melamed are you? Everyone knows that Cain killed Abel!"

Answered the rebbe: "You ingrates. Cain killed Abel 5,000 years ago and that you remember. I taught a few weeks ago that a melamed gets Chanukah gelt, and that you forget!"

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On Chanukah it's a custom to spin a dreidel, on Purim, a gregger. All this turning symbolizes the fate of the Jewish people. Many times we think that the situation is bleak and hopeless. So it appeared during the period of Antiochus and the Greeks. So it seemed during Haman's times, and all the anti-semites of history.

The dreidel spins, the world turns. The hopeless Jew always finds a way of surviving, of prospering. How can we keep the dreidel spinning without end, never falling, never failing . . . that we do not have to go through crisis after crisis, one Qaddafi and Arafat after another?

If we turn to G-d, if we keep the commandments, if we practice love and kindness to each other, if we spend time studying Torah, then we will never have to fear.

Light, let there be light, in the menorah, in our neshama, in our future. Shabbat Shalom, a freiliche Chanukah.

Record for a single-day event

$1.35 million raised during Buddy-Up Day

[Graphic Artists photo]

Participants at recent record-breaking UJA Buddy-Up Day included, from left: Charles Diamond, Major Gifts co-chairman; Issy Sharp, former Major Gifts vice-chairman; Mark Friedman, Construction Division chairman and Major Gifts co-chairman; and Haim Divon, Israel vice-consul in Toronto.

TORONTO —

Pledges totaling $1.35 million poured into United Jewish Appeal coffers last week as the result of the second Buddy-Up Day of the 1982 campaign. It was a record for a single-day event.

Forty businessmen and members of the professional community turned out to spend the day canvassing for UJA and, according to campaign director David Marks, "they made a respectable dent in the number of uncanvassed pledge cards." Some 947 gifts were secured during the 9-hour effort, Marks added.

The day started at the Primrose Club with a breakfast - and - speaker session. Speaker was Haim Divon, Israel vice-consul in Toronto, who updated his listeners on current aspects of the Camp David Accords.

Divon also praised the strength and effectiveness of the American Jewish lobby despite the recent sale of AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia, and then touched on the narrowing of social gaps in Israel — which is being accomplished in great part through UJA funding, he noted.

UJA campaign chairman Allan Offman said the 1982 effort is moving toward an historic fund raising year. In achieving this milestone, he said: ". . . each of us — those who work for the campaign, and those in the community who support it — will have created a meaningful grain of sand in the future sands of time."

Activities concluded with a lechayim and final canvassing tally at the home of UJA major gifts co-chairman Charles Diamond and his wife Rochelle.

Among the notable individual efforts recorded for the day: David Freeman, most increases; Nat Hurwich, most cards canvassed and highest dollars produced; Charles Anthony, largest single gift increase.

Best new canvasser honors went to 10-year-old Robbie Diamond, who used the occasion to solicit the UJA volunteers for a gift to his own favorite cause in behalf of needy Israeli children.

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Doctors examine Jewish law for viewpoint of medical ethics

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A panel of four doctors dug deep into Jewish history and law recently to delineate the Jewish viewpoint in modern medical ethics, only to discover, as Dr. Cheryl Klein-Greenbaum put it, "in Judaism as in medicine, each individual situation is unique and each decision is based on surrounding circumstances and not on an absolute right or wrong."

The topic brought out a large number of women to a combined meeting at Beth Jacob Synagogue of the sisterhoods of Temple Anshe Sholom, Adas Israel and Beth Jacob Synagogues.

The panelists were Dr. Judah Denburg, director of the adult immunology clinic and assistant professor of medicine at McMaster University; Dr. Klein-Greenbaum, a hematologist and assistant deputy to the medical director of the Red Cross blood transfusion services in Hamilton, and Dr. Neil Morris, a specialist in pediatric neurology and assistant professor of pediatrics at McMaster University. Dr. Nachum Spinner, director of inpatient services, St. Joseph's Hospital, and coordinator of undergraduate education in psychiatry at McMaster, was moderator.

Setting the stage, Spinner said that, as concerned Jewish doctors, "we do have a very strong vested interest in determining what principles to apply in making decisions.

"The Jewish perspective and tradition throughout history has primarily been halachic . . . and Jewish questions have usually ended up on the bottom line of what is permitted and what is forbidden."

Delving back into the Bible, Denburg explained that the original concept of the doctor was of a gravedigger or healer or someone "very close to witchcraft . . . who should go to Gehenna" because only God could make decisions affecting life or death.

The Talmud began to resolve the question by referring to the doctor as a messenger of God and eventually there evolved "the role of the physician who has the obligation to heal, and that obligation carries with it responsibility."

Ethical and moral decisions confronting doctors are often as important as medical questions, said Klein-Greenbaum. One of the basic tenets of Judaism is the sanctity of life, which takes precedence over virtually all other laws and values . . . leading to the concept that, in order to save a life, one suspends all other laws and is permitted to do whatever is necessary to save a life.

Speaking as "a children's advocate," Morris considered the conflict of interest between the admonition 'to honor thy father and thy mother' and blind obedience.

"Does a child, for instance, have recourse against a wrong judgment?" he asked. Morris also raised the question of abortion as a result of the discovery, through prenatal screening, of an illness such as Tay-Sachs disease.

Questions from the floor ranged from abortion to the dignity of dying and euthanasia. Denburg said he was dismayed to see that "there is really nobody in the community or in the Jewish people as a whole that takes upon itself the task of at least trying to solve these issues."

In summing up, Spinner noted that Denburg illustrated that medicine has a natural evolution in Jewish thought, while Klein "has pointed out that the Jewish tradition has always provided some separation between technical decisions and the moral and ethical decisions, providing some latitude for physicians to develop technical expertise on the one hand, and the necessary freedom and authority for the rabbinate to help people with ethical and moral decisions."

Morris, he said, covered social issues and showed that, nowadays, it is very hard to separate the medical from the social.

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Ahavas Isaac ceremony

SARNIA, Ont. —

The first consecration service for students in the Ahavas Isaac Synagogue in Sarnia will take place at an Oneg Shabbat on Dec. 18. Resha Kaplan, sisterhood president, said the ceremony is for the seven students in the grade 1 class.

Afterwards, there will be a kiddush provided by the parents of the first grade students and then children in the older classes will present a play for Chanukah.

There are a total of 17 students in the Hebrew school. The rabbi is Eli Kahn, who came to the Sarnia community before Yom Kippur.

A few days later, on Dec. 20, the Sarnia community has been invited by the Chatham Jewish community to attend a Chanukah party in the Children of Jacob Synagogue. A representave from Canadian Jewish Congress will join in the activities.

Faygie Wallensky, a member of the Chatham community, said there will be a brunch, followed by a candlelighting ceremony for Chanukah. Everyone with children under 12 has been asked to bring gifts. Folksinger Yosil Rosenzweig will entertain and the Chatham children may put together a presentation.

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Rabbi Erwin Schild

Reflections on the Holocaust

Thirty-five years after the Holocaust, Rabbi Erwin Schild returned to his native Cologne, Germany following an invitation from the Christian churches there.

On December 17, 1981 Rabbi Schild will speak on the importance of his trip as a crucial step in understanding the responsibilities that arose from the Holocaust.

He will discuss both the war time role of the Christian churches in aiding the Holocaust and the present efforts of church and state to restore the Jewish community in Germany.

Rabbi Schild will explain the need to renew the dialogue on this painful area of Christian-Jewish concern.

Rabbi Schild is the Rabbi of Adath Israel Congregation and recently was awarded a Canadian Council of Christians and Jews Human Relations Award.

Free Admission

date: Thursday, December 17, 1981 8:00pm
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moderator: R. Lou Ronson, past president, Canadian B'nai B'rith and National Co-Chairman, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews

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Judy Jackson-Jordan nursery is expanding

TORONTO —

A nursery in Israel, endowed in 1979 by the Herut Women of Toronto in memory of Judy Jackson-Jordan, has expanded its facilities, thanks to increased funding from the Toronto branch.

Most of the added funds came from the Jochana Jabotinsky chapter, one of the Toronto branch's two groups. Cecile Jackson, Judy's mother, is a member of the chapter. Judy Jackson-Jordan, a 29-year-old dance instructor, was killed when struck by a car on Nov. 27, 1979.

The "Maon Judy" nursery, located in a suburb of Rishon Lezion, is using the extra funding to buy beds and other necessary equipment to heat the building. Some of the money will be used to subsidize families which can't afford to send their children to the nursery.

The Herut Women organization, known also as Irgun N'shei Herut (INH) has been in existence since the establishment of the State of Israel as an arm of the Herut movement. Politically it works with members of the movement, and socially, it acts as an independent voluntary women's organization. The organization sponsors nurseries throughout Israel, most of which are in underprivileged areas.

Herut Women also provides assistance to soldiers and new settlements in Israel and helps organize summer vacations for mothers of large families.

Herut Women of Toronto is based at 638 Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 215, Downsview. For further information on the organization call Tamara Branitsky, 223-4678.

About Holocaust

WASHINGTON —

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre's multi-image documentary on the Holocaust, entitled "Genocide," will premiere in the Kennedy Centre in Washington on Jan. 17.

The inaugural benefit performance will be hosted by the chairman of the evening, Frank Sinatra. Elizabeth Taylor and Orson Welles will be special honored guests, and they will be joined by international personalities including Simon Wiesenthal.

A spokesman for the Wiesenthal Centre said surveys in the United States reveal most high school students are ignorant of the Holocaust. "This sort of ignorance cannot continue," she said.

Therefore, the centre has invested 2½ years in the production of Genocide, which tells, through the actual documented words of eyewitnesses, the story of the Holocaust.

The presentation will include scenes of a Jewish civilization which thrived in pre-war Europe; victims of Hitler's genocide; the generation of Jewish children who never reached adulthood; the heroes who resisted.

Meets with B'nei Akiva here

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Avraham Duvdevani, international secretary of the religious B'nei Akiva youth movement, sees television and sports as "competition" to B'nei Akiva.

In Toronto recently, as part of a North American tour, he recommended new educational programs be implemented by the organization to prevent assimilation, and he listed songs, games and audio-visual presentations on Jewish themes as some "alternate teaching techniques."

Duvdevani, who was here to become familiar with the needs of B'nei Akiva on this continent and to strengthen its ties with the movement in Israel, met with local B'nei Akiva members (a group under the auspices of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi). He spoke also with staff and administration of B'nei Akiva schools — Yeshiva Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot, the board of directors of Camp Moshava — B'nei Akiva's summer camp, local leaders of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

In an interview with The CJN, Duvdevani referred to B'nei Akiva's "problem" in Canada as a "social issue" as well as an "educational issue."

He claimed that with the move of Jewish families from regional centres to more assimilated suburban areas, the community was drawing further away from Judaism.

Yet this issue, he said, is surmountable provided B'nei Akiva organizes more meeting places in city synagogues.

Duvdevani voiced optimism that the organization would overcome its problem here. He described Jewish organizations, services and political groups in Canada as "much stronger" than their counterparts in the U.S.

B'nei Akiva, besides stressing love of Torah, believes it is a crucial mitzvah of Judaism to return to Israel.

Duvdevani told The CJN that his goal is to spread this message to the 33 countries which have B'nei Akiva organizations.

The international secretary travels to each one of these countries every two years to see what must be done in each community. "Every place I go the problem is different, and so is the solution," he explained.

Italy and the Scandinavian countries have such a high rate of assimilation that B'nei Akiva zeros in on Judaism over Zionism, Duvdevani said.

In Israel, he noted by comparison, B'nei Akiva encourages Jews to come to the Negev or the Golan Heights and develop the land. "I feel that when Jews start to build the state, the religious faction will educate the others to lead life in a religious way," Duvdevani added.

B'nei Akiva, established in 1929 in Jerusalem, has its head office in Israel. It operates kibbutzim, moshavim, yeshivot and ulpanot throughout Israel, along with schools and camps outside the country. The movement also offers a 1-year program for high school graduates in Israel.

The man known as Mr. Yiddish passes away in his 81st year

TORONTO —

Harry Topper, known to the community as "Mr. Yiddish," died recently at age 81.

Harry Topper

The founder and president of Reliable Fur Dressers and Dyers, on Richmond St., Topper helped found the Toronto Jewish Public Library and the Borochov School. He was a member of the Board of Jewish Education for 20 years.

He was on the executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and supported the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He helped raise funds for the Jewish Community Centre, the Hospital for Sick Children and other institutions.

His only son Richard elaborated on the "true tzedakah" that his father practiced. "You helped countless people who never knew you were the donor," he wrote for a eulogy delivered by Beth Tzedec Congregation's Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg at the funeral.

The younger Topper also described his father's appreciation for culture, humanity and Yiddishkeit.

Born in the Ukraine, Topper came to Canada in 1921, to escape retaliation for his outspoken views against the Communist government, according to his son.

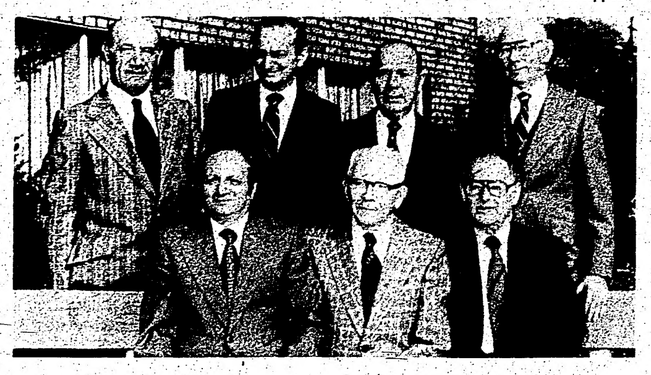
Topper's first name at the time was Gershon. A person he met on the ship to Canada told him that in order to get a job he had to be a Tom, Dick or Harry. Topper chose Harry.

He started his business of processing and dyeing raw furs in 1932, and stopped working only about six weeks ago. He was a former president of the Fur Trade Association of Ontario.

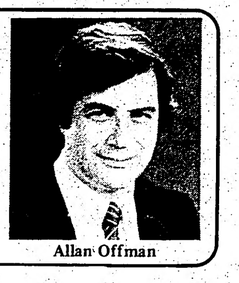
Association of Ontario.

Topper had a "reverence for family," according to Richard. Said Richard in the eulogy: "How proud you were when we would all walk into shul and sit down beside you. We could see that you were bursting with pride at being surrounded by your loved ones."

Besides Richard, Topper is survived by his wife Florence, four grandchildren — Lori, David, Randi and Sari — and a great-grandson, Adam Moishele.



The UJA committee of the Ostrovtzer Society takes advantage of balmy temperatures during opening UJA brunch. Seated are Harry Baigelman, Joe Snider and Harry Fisher, President. Back row: Benny Sherman, Al Speisman, Shaya Zweigman and Sydney Weinberg.



Allan Offman

Ordinary People

One of the most appealing features of UJA is that it benefits the human needs of ordinary people here, in Israel and throughout the world. The services we support through our main umbrella organizations — Toronto Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency (UIA) — are far-reaching, as much perhaps as is provided by a province or a state.

As I have stated previously, the inflationary spiral coupled with diminishing campaigns around the world, has caused tragic shortfalls.

Here are just a few programs and areas that are in serious trouble:

Toronto: 1. There are more than 2,000 children from single parent homes who do not have adequate day care facilities.

2. Cuts in provincial funding for social and health services have resulted in no backup services for those newly released from mental hospitals — psychological and psychiatric outpatients in the Jewish community. For the mentally retarded there is up to a two-year waiting period for acceptance into a community facility.

3. Tightened budgets and allocations have necessitated cutbacks in the case-worker staff of the Jewish Family & Child Service by 10%, but the need for assistance keeps growing.

4. There are now some 16,000 Jewish people — elderly, immigrants, the handicapped and even the young — living with marginal incomes or below the poverty level designated by the government.

Israel: 1. There are 17,000 young people, mostly from recent immigration, in the urban centres of Israel, floating without direction and often involved with drugs and other depressing activities. Our urban youth program has been cut by one-third in the past two years, affecting over 5,000 young people.

2. Unless increased funding can be found, high school education will have to be paid privately by parents already heavily overtaxed.

3. Due to insufficient funding, the number of new mitzpim to be established in the Galilee has been restricted.

4. Lack of sufficient funding makes it extremely difficult to move families from the Sinai to new settlements in the Negev, as set out in the Camp David accords.

And finally, lack of funds is seriously hampering rescue efforts in countries where Jews live in constant peril.

Fortunately, I must say that our Jewish community and most others have taken cognizance of these problems in the past year. The response indicates one of the great UJA campaigns in history, and once again we will have acknowledged our Covenant of 1948 — to look after our ordinary people wherever they are.

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I'm pleased to report there's nothing ordinary about the way this campaign is progressing. We have been maintianing momentum, just as we had hoped, with no sign of letup from our **extraordinary** canvassers.

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For weeks now, there have been telethons and more telethons, non-stop.

Women's Division, I believe, has had at least seven to date, and other divisions are keeping pace.

The prognosis looks rosy for a breakthrough year for the Physicians Division, under the direction of those two gung-ho Co-chairmen, **Drs. Howard Stevens** and **Harvey Zimmerman**.

The response this year has been one of the most positive on record for the Division. The first of three planned telethons involved not only the Co-chairmen, but **Drs. Laurie Blendis, Morton Brown, Robert Disenhouse, Keith Meloff** and **Harvey Shaul**.

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A telethon which began in mid-afternoon at **Aaron Bitman's** office, reaped some very respectable pledges for the Food, Hotels and Cleaners Division. Joining the Chairman was a very strong team consisting of **Harvey Rosen, Ralph Snow, Don Rich** and **Irving Wolfe**. All three units in the Division are showing healthy percentage increases this year.

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I'm told that **Meir Rottem**, the newly-arrived emissary from Keren Hayesod who will be working with the UJA fundraising professionals, made a telling impression at a breakfast meeting at Beth Torah Synagogue. Meir detailed the implications of the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia and other pertinent matters affecting Israel in an oil-greedy world.

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Arrangements are shaping up nicely for our big day — **Super Sunday, on January 17**! Seventy-five extra phones will be installed in the Assembly Hall of the Wagman Centre (Baycrest Terrace), which will be in use non-stop from 9.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Volunteer sign-up forms have been printed and are now being distributed. If you don't have one, call Super Sunday headquarters at 977-3811, local 263, and indicate your preferred time slot. We'll fit you in at your convenience. So join fellow Jews in major Jewish communities throughout North America in a giant UJA telethon.

We'll keep you informed of all the extra surprises we'll be planning for the day. Just watch this paper in the weeks to come.

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Canvasser of the Week

Our nominee this week is **Dave Freeman**, who in his gentlemanly, unobtrusive way, is a dynamo canvasser. Not only did he make a great showing on our two Buddy Up days, but from early on in the campaign he's been canvassing cards and getting terrific response. Dave is also a member of the Super Sunday committee — there's no end to his talents. Good to have him with us.

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Happy Chanukah! Be back with you after the New Year.

Career, family milestones of olim from Canada

olim shelanu

By DAVID BIRKAN

What are olim from Canada doing in Israel? News about them — social, professional and personal — is the focus of Olim Shelanu, this monthly column making its debut in The CJN.

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Sarah Sefton Shore, 26, has just started to teach art to grade 7 children at Sde Eliyahu, a kibbutz in the Jordan Valley just south of Beth Shean. She lives with her husband Ammi and two children, Assaf, 2, and Akiva, 7 months, at nearby Moshav Mechola.

She and Ammi were married in Jerusalem in 1976, and she made aliya a year later. Mrs. Shore is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sefton**. Mrs. Sefton is the chairman of the Toronto branch of the Association of Parents of Children in Israel.

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Amichai Geva, 30, who made aliya in 1970, is in Toronto completing a 2-year stint as shaliach to the Ontario Region's Shomer Hatzair youth movement and director of Camp Shomria. He was formerly **Peter Garmaise**, of Montreal, where his parents, **Maurice and Leona Garmaise**, still reside.

Geva first went to Israel in 1968 on a Jewish Agency training program for youth leaders from abroad.

From 1970-73, he studied Jewish history at Hebrew University. His 2-year army service began in the middle of the Yom Kippur War. In 1975, he joined Kibbutz Shomrat, in the western Galilee, where he will return in 1982.

Geva is currently completing the program for the Shomer Hatzair winter camp, a 5-day December excursion in the Gatineau Valley for Jewish youth aged 9-16.

Geva and his Sabra wife Yaffa have a son, Edam, 2.

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Mona Yahalom, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles King** of Toronto, recently gave birth to a son, Gilad, a brother to Ochad and Tal. The other proud grandparents are **Mr. and Mrs. Zvi Yahalom** of Israel. Mrs. Yahalom, who made aliya eight years ago, married her husband in Kibbutz Ein-Dor.

Her older brother, **Paul King**, 39, also made aliya four years ago. He married wife Yehudit in Jerusalem one year later. King is a social scientist at Jerusalem's Henrietta Szold Institute of Behavioral Sciences.

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If you have news to share about friends or relatives who have made aliya, please phone David Birkan at The CJN's Toronto office, on Wednesday mornings. The number is (416) 481-6434.

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NPJA active in Peel community

In the Nov. 26 issue of The CJN a story on the Solel Congregation in Mississauga indicated that this synagogue is the only Jewish presence in the region of Peel.

However, as also reported in the same issue, another Jewish group operates in the region — the North Peel Jewish Association. NPJA has about 30 members and is now exploring formal affiliation with a religious movement. NPJA operates a Hebrew school, observes all Jewish holidays, runs an adult education program and a monthly newspaper. It held High Holiday services and holds Shabbat services one Saturday a month at the Brampton High School.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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In the heart of Oakville, Ont., there is an unusual shop devoted entirely to books about art, classical records and tapes — and the work of modern European artists. Harmik Grigorian, the proprietor, is an Armenian with a true love for art, music and fine literature. He is convinced that there is a large and eager market for his wares.

Among the resplendent tomes displayed are a number published by the Johnson Reprint Corporation of New York. The most striking and sumptuous of these is the reproduction of three Dead Sea Scrolls — and several ingenious artifacts to house them.

In 1947 two young Arab goatherds in the Judean desert made what has been heralded as the "greatest manuscript discovery of all times." The unearthing of The Dead Sea Scrolls from the caves at Qumran proved to be of momentous theological and historical consequence.

The scrolls confirmed the antiquity of the Hebrew Bible text, and shed light on relationships between Jewish and Christian communities in New Testament times. Over the last three decades they have been subjected to study by numerous scholars and have generated an immense bibliography, both learned and popular.

Perhaps the most important of the scrolls was the Isaiah manuscript written in Hebrew about 100 BCE on strips of leather about six yards long by a foot wide. Significantly, it is almost identical with our present Hebrew text, indicating that only minor changes have occurred over a 2,000-year period.

Another of the interesting scrolls was the commentary to the prophetic Book of Habbakuk. This scroll was 1½ yards long and contained the traditional text with an interlinear commentary that is written from the viewpoint of the Essene sect. It interprets the words of the prophet according to the specific needs and outlook of this austere, devout and self-righteous community that lived near the shores of the Dead Sea.

For many scholars the most valuable of the scrolls was "The Manual of Discipline," sometimes called "The Community Rule." This scroll, two yards long, is a collection of the rules and regulations of the Essene community and an explanation of their doctrines and practices. The Qumran community practiced a kind of religion that was a mixture of the Judaism of the day and early Christianity.

These scrolls were brought to the U.S. by a high official of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem and sold at a high price through a classified ad in the Wall Street Journal. They are now housed under glass in the Shrine of the Book of Jerusalem.

In recognition of the inherent value of The Dead Sea Scrolls as cultural and religious artifacts, the Johnson Reprint Corporation undertook a unique publishing project: to make the scrolls available in their original format, and to offer those who wish to read and study them the opportunity to do so in their own homes. It was determined to reproduce the scrolls as faithfully and accurately as modern technology now permits.

Printed in 5-color collotype on sheepskin of the same size, texture, and shape as the originals, the facsimile edition of The Dead Sea Scrolls consists of three individual scrolls: the Isaiah manuscript, the Habakkuk commentary, and the Community Rule. They are contained in an authentic earthenware jar, modeled on the jars in which the actual manuscripts were first discovered.

Accompanying the facsimile scrolls is a text volume with translations in Hebrew and English by eminent scholars. The entire project was achieved with the assistance and cooperation of the Israel Museum and the government of Israel.

Mr. Grigorian doesn't think that $7,900 is too much for a work that is both unique and beautiful and restricted to 300 examples. Its value may well increase with the passage of time. For him it's like purchasing a work of art.

Books that appeal to almost every taste make good presents for Chanukah

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

If you're thinking of a book [or books] as a Chanukah gift, here's a roundup of some of the most recent ones published — suitable as gifts for adults . . . and some for the kids.

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Skokie, Illinois, has become a household dateline in the American Jewish community, conjuring up as it does a debate which involves home-grown fascists, civil libertarians and Jews, particularly survivors of the Holocaust.

In "The Nazi Skokie Conflict" (Fitzhenry and Whiteside, $17.25), David Hamlin sets out the issues which pitted neo-Nazi Frank Collin against the Jews of that village near Chicago. Hamlin is no innocent bystander. He is executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which sought to protect the first amendment by protecting Collin's right to voice his views. The book treats the controversy with intelligence and sensitivity.

Thomas Berger, a justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court, has written a book whose timing is almost perfect. "Fragile Freedoms" [Clarke, Irwin, $17.95], which discusses the treatment of minorities and dissenters in Canada, appears when Canadians are seriously thinking about civil rights in the context of the constitution and its Charter of Rights.

The author looks at Metis, French Canadians in Ontario, Japanese Canadians, Communists, Jehovah's Witnesses and dissenters in Quebec during the 1970 October crisis. Berger makes us all realize that freedom can be a fleeting thing.

"Eyewitness" (Collier Macmillan, $24.95) is an impressive photo album of the events, and the people who shaped them, of the last 25 years. We see frightened Vietnamese children fleeing an artillery barrage; Nasser striking a reflective mood; Israeli troops racing to the Suez Canal; Henry Kissinger picking his nose in an unguarded moment; Yasser Arafat looking triumphant; Anwar Sadat greeting Menachem Begin at one of their summits. Eyewitness would make an ideal gift.

"The Almanac of World Military Power" (Presido Press, $40) is a solid survey of the armed might of nations from Canada to Israel. The editors are retired U.S. army, air force and naval officers. They present a significant features of each country's defence structure and strategic problems.

Budd Schulberg, author of "What Makes Sammy Run" and "A Face in the Crowd," has written a very interesting account of his life and of Hollywood. "Moving Pictures" (Stein and Day, $16.95) is spicy, contemplative and revealing. The dream factory he portrays doesn't always come off in a flattering light. But that's Hollywood.

Playwright Garson Kanin ("Born Yesterday" and "Funny Girl") writes about Hollywood's great teams in "Together Again" (Doubleday, $29.95). There's Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, Woody Allen and Diane Keaton, Irene Dunne and Cary Grant, the Marx Brothers, Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, and so forth. The pictures are delightful; the text entertaining. An ideal coffee table book.

A great Chanukah gift is James Montagnes' Charlton 1982 Canada Stamp and Storybook [3rd edition].

"Twentieth Century Odyssey" (Clarke, Irwin, $26.95) is a biography of John Dos Passos, one of the superior novelists produced by the U.S. since 1900. Townssend Ludington, his sympathetic biographer, shows how his writing skills developed, then waned. Dos Passos ("Manhattan Transfer" and the "USA" trilogy) emerges as a sincere, thoughtful, nice man who stood by his beliefs, whether popular or not.

"The King's Wife's Cookbook" (Nelson) by Sara Waxman is an informative romp into the kitchen. Beginners will appreciate it. Veterans will learn from it.

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"Canada Stamp & Storybook" (The Charlton Press, $4.95) debunks the myth that Canadian stamps are invariably ugly and unimaginative. James Montagnes, a CJN travel writer, provides concise descriptions of stamps issued from 1895 to 1981.

"Pooh's Adventure With Words" (Clarke, Irwin, $9.95) is an excellent educational tool for children. Themes include forests, the seasons, colors and numbers. My 6-year-old loved it.

The "Jewish People's Almanac" (Doubleday, $15.50), while not strictly a children's book, can be read by the younger set, too. It is chockful of relevant and irrelevent facts. David Gross culled thousands of magazines for his selections, which range from fascinating to boring.

"Jigsaw Book" Doubleday, $25) is a brain twister — and a brilliant one at that. It is really two things: an illustrated history of the jigsaw puzzle, and puzzle of the ship Queen Mary and Tom Kitten. It is an amazing production. Linda Hannas is the genius behind it.

"K'tonton In The Circus (The Jewish Publication Society of America, $8.95) is about our Jewish Tom Thumb. By accident, he's carried off to a circus. There, he wins the affections of the Sword Swallower, Fat Lady and many others. Soon enough K'tonton is busy telling them about Chanukah. And they spring a nice surprise on him. Sadie Rose Weilerstein's tale is perfect for children between the ages of eight and 12.

"The Dancing Sun" (Press Porcepic, $5.95, edited by Jan Andrews) celebrates, in stories and poems, the lives of Canadian children from different ethnic backgrounds. Ottawa writer Sharon Drache, a CJN contributor, introduces us to Jeremiah Proosky, a Wandering Jew who enchants a little girl named Ruth Bernstein. A sweet story.

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"Let My People Laugh and Sing"

Singer, comic combine talents on new record

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By TIM BOXER

NEW YORK — We laugh in order that we not cry.

That's Jewish logic, according to Sy Kleinman. He's a popular speaker for UJA and Israel Bonds, a lawyer, and teacher at Columbia University law school. He teamed up with talented singer Paul Zim to make a recording.

One side of the album called, "Let My People Laugh and Sing" (on the Vocaleeze label), Sy discourses on Jewish humor, to hilarious effect. On the other side, Paul sings such heartwarming melodies as My Yiddis de Poppa, Hester Days, Father to Son. Very poignant songs from a beautiful voice.

Sy wrote the lyrics for Father to Son and, Paul says, "it's one of the most meaningful songs I have ever performed." It was inspired by Paul's father who died last year.

Paul expands on the talit, which his father bequeathed to him: "Tradition will link every father and son, this basic lesson we learn. All that we get we must give up when we're done, as sons become fathers in turn."

This is a very busy time for Paul Zim. His schedule included a Dec. 12 concert at Temple Beth El in Fort Meyers, Fla. In March he'll fly to London to do a benefit for Bikur Cholim Hospital of Jerusalem. Then he'll return to his home town, Toronto, to share the spotlight with Jackie Mason at a Mizrachi benefit.

There's a note on his schedule of a very personal upcoming event. He's planning a very special appearance at a wedding — his own! Yes, Paul's getting married Jan. 31 to Roslyn Joselit of Forest Hills, N.Y.

"I don't anticipate any difficulty with the ceremony under the chupah," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "My brothers, Rabbi Sidney Zimelman of Cincinnati and Cantor Saul Zim of Queens, will conduct the service."

Back to the flip side of the album. Sy Kleinman is best when he mimics his father's heavily accented coice: "If you want to live a long life, one thing you must remember — every morning get up!"

Humor appears in strange ways. "It is nostalgic," Sy says, "and it is in many respects tragic. A wise man once defined humor as tragedy with the intervention of suitable time. I think that's true. I think we laugh at tragedy. That's why Jewish humor is the humor of survival. As Kohelet said, there is a time to laugh, a time to cry."

Sy ends his side of the record: "I once appeared, very early in my career, before a group of people in a hospital. I concluded with the statement, 'I hope you all get better.' Someone said, 'We hope you do too.'"

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Gila Almagor took a leave of absence from starring in a play in Tel Aviv to come to New York and talk about her latest movie. Back home she's in a play called "The Purim Party of Adam ben Celev," in which she plays a woman in a mental hospital. Her movie that opened here is "The Thin Line," about a mentally disturbed mother and her 8-year-old daughter, done from the girl's point of view.

"I don't want to hear about mentally disturbed people for a long time," she said at the offices of New Yorker Films, distributor of her pictures. "It takes a long time to unwind from the character. It's very heavy. Now I need a good comedy."

Her husband is Jacob Agmon, a theatre producer in Tel Aviv. He is currently producing a play about A. D. Gordon called "The Last Working Man." He was head of Cameri Theatre where he met Gila. He produced the 1969 film "Siege" in which she starred.

Paul Zim

Gila's father, Max Alexandrovich, died when he was 25. He was a policeman during the British mandate, and was one of 13 Jewish police officers killed by a sniper during the Arab riots of 1939. He was the last victim before the sniper was caught and hanged. Gila wasn't even born yet when that happened — her mother was in her fifth month. (Her mother later married Abraham Grayver, who raised Gila.)

When she started acting, a director suggested she get a stage name. He couldn't fit Gila Alexandrovich-Grayver on the program. So she became Gila Almagor, and the name fits. Gila means joy, al magor means no fear.

Noted ballet star at JCC workshop

TORONTO — **International ballet star, Toronto-born Melissa Hayden, will be guest teacher at the north Jewish Community Centre's holiday ballet workshop, Dec. 27-30.**

Ms. Hayden has enjoyed a long career both as a performer and a teacher.

For many years, she was a leading ballerina with the American Ballet Theatre. Within a year after she joined the company, in 1945, Hayden became a soloist and went on to tour the United States, Cuba and South America.

In 1949, George Balanchine and Lincoln Gerstein invited her to join their newly-formed company, New York City Ballet. For the next 24 years, except for a 2-year return to American Ballet Theatre, Hayden was a leading ballerina of this world-famous company, the closest approximation to a star in Balanchine's deliberately starless system.

Her final season with the New York City Ballet was marked by a specially choreographed tribute by Balanchine, "Cortege Hongrois," and the award of the Handel Medallion, New York City's highest cultural honor. The inscription read: "From the City of New York to Melissa Hayden, extraordinary prima ballerina who has filled the hearts of her audience with joy."

She retired from dancing in 1973.

She has appeared as guest star with Britain's Royal Ballet and has danced to critical acclaim in almost every major city in the world. She pioneered ballet on television, and was a regular star on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Since 1973, Hayden has been teaching dance at various schools, including her own, Melissa Hayden Inc., in New York City. "I have always felt that I owe it to my art to teach," she said during a recent interview.

Hayden, first taught in Toronto by Boris Volkoff, was dancing at New York City's Radio Music Hall at age 20 and taking lessons at Balanchine's School of American Ballet.

Sponsoring her upcoming visit to the JCC is the Koffler Centre's School of Dance, where the holiday ballet workshop will take place.

"Riddle of the World" underrated play of year

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — "Riddle of the World" at the Tarragon Theatre until Dec. 19 is the underrated play of the season. It's a delightful comedy, full of laughs, but the critics slammed it.

The production may have put the critics off, for it is billed as an examination of the age-old question, "What is Man?" when in reality it's a romp about easy sexual liaisons in the Toronto of 1981, with biblical and literary allusions as its cover.

David French proved himself as one of the top two or three playwrights in Canada with "Leaving Home" and "Of the Fields, Lately," plays about a Newfoundland family coming east. Then, in "Jitters," he showed that he could write a comedy about the theatre, solidly anchored in reality. Now, in Riddle of the World, he's pulled another rabbit out of the hat, taking a look at the comical side effects of the disintegration of love affairs of two men who take different routes to sublimation.

Ron is a thirtyish stocks salesman (and part-time Gestalt therapist) whose life is jolted when Bethany, his girl friend, moves out of his apartment bound for India and a calmer life with her 70-year-old guru.

"You're a sensible Jewish girl and a dental hygienist, how can you do this?" Ron pleads . . . to no avail. Bethany, played very convincingly by Terri Cherniack, also turns a deaf ear when Ron (Joseph Ziegler) contends that her spiritual enlightenment is not as important as his sexual needs, and promises that he won't touch her if she'll just climb naked into bed.

On the other hand, Steve, also thirtyish and a failed priest to boot, can't abide the sexual demands he says his new wife is making on him. So he moves in with Ron, his chum of university days.

Ron forays the singles' scene, with disastrous results. The first woman he entices back to his apartment is Karen (Mary Charlotte Wilcox). But she's turned off by his macho chatter and his hints that he would rather date her red-headed roommate.

The next object of Ron's ardor is Heidi, whom he picks up in a laundromat. But the date is a flop, and Heidi, played by Lora Staley, delivers a series of withering putdowns before donning her cutoffs, roller skates, earphones, and whizzes out of the apartment.

Then Ron goes to New Delhi, but he can't convince Bethany to leave the guru. In the meantime, a new complication arises when Steve (Hardee Lineham) appears to be developing a relationship with the lawyer (a man) who is arranging his divorce.

This is too much for Ron. He quotes passage after passage from the Old Testament and the New Testament, and from the poetry of Alexander Pope to persuade Steve that the proper love of man is woman. Steve is no slouch with biblical quotation, either. That debate seems to end in a draw, and Ron turns down an invitation to join Steve and his lawyer friend on a weekend in Muskoka.

The play ends when Ron lights an incense candle and, after hesitating, picks up the prayer rug once used by Bethany, and enters a tiny closet, there to intone his own mantra.

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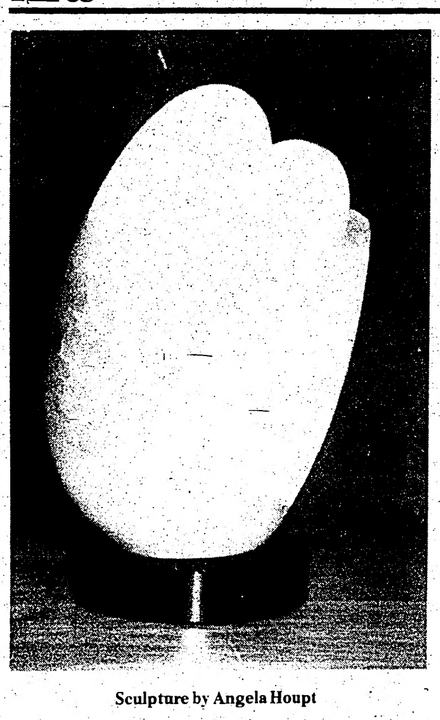

Sculpture by Angela Houpt

Koffler Gallery hosts works of Houpt, Hutchings

By MARSHA EINES

TORONTO —

When poets compare a woman's skin to alabaster, they not only pay homage to the lady, but also to one of the most beautiful stones in the world.

The Koffler Gallery is hosting the watercolors and sculptures of Norma Hutchings and the sculptures of Angela M. Houpt. The latter works in alabaster, coaxing out every ounce of its beauty, so that the viewer can understand poets' fascination with this medium.

Alabaster has been associated traditionally with women, mainly for its sheer sensuousness. Houpt evokes all its physicality and the works seem to spring to life of their own volition. They occupy space the way poetry can — powerful, resonant with meaning. They convey a sense of life unfolding . . . just beyond full articulation.

Houpt's sculptures shun categorization. They are modern with their repeated and sparing forms; classical in their elegance and grace. Not quite abstract, most exist on the threshold of conscious expression — almost, but not quite, recognizable. It is this ambivalence which makes them compelling.

"Ocean Form #1" evokes myth and magic. Seen from a certain angle, it is two halves of something pressing together, enveloping — but what? Lips? Womb? Oyster? Ship? One cannot say, yet the piece, like the ocean, envelops the viewer.

Houpt's works beg not only contemplation, but touch . . . caressing . . . exploration. Choosing superior pieces is impossible, because each is superlative. In "Evening Cloud," crescents repeat themselves . . . nestle into one another. The effect is soothing, like a flock of doves finding comfort among one another.

Other pieces, such as Zephyr," thrust up and out, rather than caress.

Houpt's careful eye chooses alabaster precisely, whether it be colorado stone, a peach color, or Italian. In "Mountain Form," for instance, the veins follow the stop-like pattern of its mountain-shape.

British-born and educated in London, France and Canada, Houpt has exhibited in cities such as Toronto, London, England, Paris and Brussels.

Norma Hutchings concentrates on forest images in clay and watercolor — shapes akin to those found in nature. She succeeds in recalling the forest in her sculptures, yet the sum total is sameness ad infinitum.

Hutchings' watercolors are more promising. She studies the woods as carefully as an anatomist would the human body. Her forests may convince the viewer that he or she has never really seen hills and flowers at all, has never appreciated nature fully.

Houpt does not embellish nature; she simply strokes it all in, lovingly, taking nothing for granted.

Hutchings has been showing in juried shows since 1974, winning several awards. Her works have appeared in many provincial shows, of the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Ontario Craft Council, and the Ontario Potters Association, to name a few.

Spice Box celebrates works of 38 poets, writers

By SHARON DRACHE

The Spice Box
An Anthology of Canadian Jewish Writing. Selections by Gerri Sinclair and Morris Wolfe.
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"The Spice Box" is a major literary event — a celebration of poetry and fiction of 38 authors, each reflecting his or her own particular Jewish viewpoint. There are those writers who defend their Jewish roots and those who flee them. All question.

King of the defenders is the late A. M. Klein (1909-1972), who is well represented in the anthology with three poems and an excerpt from his novel, "The Second Scroll."

A few lines from his poem "Autobiographical" set the tone of the anthology, for no matter to which category the writers belong, they are all seekers, through words, of new truths:

"I am an old man fatuously intent/On memories, but in memory I seek the strength and vividness of nonage days/ not tranquil recollection of event./It is a fabled city that I seek; it stands in Space's vapors and Time's haze/Thence comes my sadness in remembered joy constrictive of throat/ Thence do I hear, as heard by a Jewboy/The Hebrew violins/Delighting in the sobbed Oriental note."

Next to Klein, Henry Kreisel's fiction, "Uncle Jacob," an excerpt from his novel "The Rich Man" defends the immediate Jewish past, reflecting the Canadian Jewish immigrant experience with patience and devotion. Uncle Jacob returns to the Europe of his youth where everything is not quite the way he remembered, yet the same universals remain.

Of the poets who defend the faith, the younger ones are in the forefront. Perhaps because they have had the luxury of being born on the west side of the Atlantic, either just before or after World War II.

Joe Rosenblatt, Seymour Mayne and Joseph Sherman show respect and knowledge for both ritualistic and historic Judaism. Here are a few lines from Rosenblatt's, "Uncle Nathan Speaking from the Landlocked Green," lines which immortalize the once Jewish Kensington of Toronto: "And my shop on Baldwin Street/does it still stand? . . . damp and sacred as the Wailing Wall/under the caterpillar'd canopy of God? . . . Nephew, heaven is on earth; above me/the sky is smiling like a White Fish./ Its eyes are the moon and the sun."

Morley Torgov's "The Messiah of Second Hand Goods" also joyously celebrates his Jewishness. Torgov, too, had the benefit of being born in Canada. Coming from a small town also seems to help as he captures old world simplicity in his story.

In contrast, Norman Levine, only four years older than Torgov, also born in Canada, is the star among those writers in this anthology who flee from their roots. However, his contribution, "In Quebec City," is a first-class piece of fiction.

Adele Wiseman and Mordecai Richler are perhaps the royal couple who straddle the literary fence between flight and persistent inquiry. A slice from the beginning of Wiseman's controversial novel, "Crackpot" about Hoda, a captivating Jewish prostitute in Winnipeg, is a good choice; yet, there should have been another, an excerpt from "The Sacrifice," definitely one of our best Canadian Jewish novels. Besides, Richler is represented by two selections, "Mortimer Griffin, Shalinsky and How They Settled the Jewish Question" and "Their Canada and Mine." Why not two selections of Wiseman's?

In this anthology Irving Layton is at his polemic best and Leonard Cohen is filled with Jewish longing, self-sacrifice and "whys."

Newer voices in the memoirs category are Erna Paris and Mark Sarner. Both give accounts of Forest Hill, Toronto, in the 50s. From both, let there be more of the same; but from the latter, a little research, please, into the historical relationship of the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

One surprise from the younger writers is Matt Cohen's "Watchmaker," simply because one is not accustomed to reading stories by Cohen which deal with Jewish themes. Here too, may there be many more.

The Winnipeg literary mafia is well represented — particularly the Yiddishist tradition of Jack Ludwig, Miriam Waddington and Larry Zolf.

Two inportant selections, because of their current relevance, are Jerry Newman's "An Arab up North," addressing itself to the Palestinian question and David Lewis Stein's "Fresh Disasters," giving the 60s the perspective they cry for.

We are indebted to Gerri Sinclair and Morris Wolfe, who selected these stories, and to Malcolm Lester whose idea it was to create the anthology.

A list of biographies of contributing authors and publisher credits at the back of the book offers the interested reader a veritable feast of Canadian Jewish literature.

PRIMITIVES AT AGO

Henry Moore's "Reclining Woman" is one of 137 works making up the Art Gallery of Ontario's exhibition running until Jan. 3, "Gaugin to Moore: Primitivism in Modern Sculpture." Picasso, Matisse and Giacometti are also represented in the show.

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This bit of advice will benefit taxpayers

By MURRAY SHERR

The federal budget of Nov. 12 has proposed an end to deductions for individuals for purchase of Income-Averaging Annuity Contracts with the 1982 taxation year. Deductions for the 1981 tax year are allowed but must have a term that does not extend beyond 1982.

This means that an individual who has earned a qualifying income for 1981 may yet split the taxable amount for taxation purposes into the 1981 and the 1982 tax years.

If, for example, a taxpayer has $100,000 taxable portion on a capital gain and purchases an IAAC on Dec. 31, 1981, which pays interest at the rate of 15½%, the following would be the result:

Gross taxable amount, $100,000
Purchase price Dec. 31, 1981, $47,001.51
Holdback for 1981 tax year, $52,998.49
Payment Oct. 31, 1982, $52,998.49

Many taxpayers will benefit by splitting the taxable amount into two years. In addition, since the budget proposes a reduction in the top rate to 50% for 1982, the tax on the 1982 portion should be less than that on the 1981 portion.

The IAAC may also be arranged on a loan-back basis with the following as a sample of only one of several available:

Gross taxable amount, $100,000
Deductible from 1981 tax year, $100,000
Loan portion, $100,000
Payment by client (transaction fee), $4,575
Income for 1982, $8,776 monthly
Total (taxable) in 1982, $105,312
Net after tax (50%), $52,656

The choice of which annuity to arrange can depend on many other factors. Care and consideration must be given to each situation. This should be done in combination with your annuity broker and accountant.

There are, at the time of this writing, six other annuity methods and we presume more to come shortly. All questions should be directed to the Sherr, Bergstein Annuity Insurance Agency, 787-4517.

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The Canadian Jewish News of Nov. 19 had a question about annuities that asked, "What is the earliest that a person may arrange to have an annuity from an RRSP fund?" The answer printed was "at any time, so long as the income does not commence prior to age 65." Some one goofed . . . it should read prior to age 60.

Many readers have inquired about the $1,000 pension income deduction. An explanation of this benefit was given in the Nov. 19 CJN. However, the budget has proposed some changes. The pension income deduction, after the budget passes, will be available only to those who do not contribute to a RRSP during the tax year for which they claim the exemption.

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A reader has asked: "I am 65 years old. Can I qualify for the pension income deduction by going to my trust company or bank and withdrawing $1,000 from my RRSP account?"

A withdrawal of this kind does not qualify. The trust company or bank would be required to withhold 10% for income tax and you would receive a check for $900. The full $1,000 would be considered as income in the year received.

In order to qualify for the pension income deduction the taxpayer must purchase an annuity for $1,000 per year. If the first $1,000 is received in 1981 it will qualify immediately. **Time is short but it may yet be arranged for this year.**

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Russian group elects

TORONTO —

The Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada elected a new board at its first annual meeting held recently in Northview Heights Secondary School.

The newly elected executive includes Boris Shkolvikov as president, Ludmila Voihanski as vice-president and Berta Soroka as secretary-treasurer.

Voihanski said the association has a number of programs for its membership of 400. Some of these include a television broadcast in Russian on Willowdowns Cablevision; Sunday morning classes for Russian Jewish children at Eitz Chaim School; and a club for elderly Russian immigrants, operating at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre at Baycrest Terrace.

One project the association is working on deals with pensions for the elderly, said Voihanski. She said recipients have to live in Canada for 10 years before they become eligible for the benefits and the association wants to reduce the time requirement.

The association has a number of objectives, said Voihanski.

These include offering aid, assistance and support in the absorption of Russian Jewish immigrants into Canada and providing for the spiritual and religious wellbeing of these immigrants; giving donations for charitable purposes; helping parents arrange programs and activities for the children.

For more information about the association, call 781-9161.

Special room for Kohanim

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

The Steeles-College Memorial Chapel held an open house recently to show the room built specially for Kohanim to members of the community.

According to the book of Leviticus, a descendant of the priestly tribe of Kohan is not allowed to come close to the dead, unless that person is the deceased's wife, mother, father, son, daughter, brother or unmarried sister.

The Kohanim Room, which is detached from the chapel, has a large window with a blind, enabling the Kohanim to watch the service. If the rabbi is a Kohan, a microphone in the room enables him to address the mourners.

The chapel is located on the north side of Steeles Ave., between Yonge and Bathurst. Emmanuel Don, treasurer for the Steeles-College Memorial Association, said the chapel is located in this area because most of the Jewish community is moving to the north-east part of Metro Toronto and north of Metro's boundary.

The association purchased the Steeles Memorial Chapel in 1977 — it had been erected in 1975 — and the name was changed to the Steeles-College Memorial Chapel.

There are two chapels in the building — the Jerusalem Chapel, which accommodates 400 people, and the Zion Chapel, which is being used as a display room for caskets.

Don said that the chapel is used by the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform communities.

Inside the modern building there is a rabbi's room and two rooms for the bereaved family. There is also the morgue, where the body is prepared for burial, according to Jewish law, by the Chevra Kedisha. These are the five or six individuals (male for men, female for women) who wash and dress the body as they recite the appropriate prayers.

There is also a parking lot for 150 cars.

The forerunner of the chapel was formed in 1927, when a provincial charter was acquired under the name of the Toronto Hebrew Funeral Parlor, said Don.

Until 1937, when a building at 331 College St. was purchased, the parlor was located in someone's "modest business establishment or in peoples' homes," stated The Jewish Standard (Feb. 28, 1981).

In 1947, the institution changed its name to United Hebrew Funeral Parlor and, in 1954, to College Memorial Chapel.

According to the article, the association was formed in the 1970s to keep up with changing laws, and this separated the funeral home from the chapel. "The chapel functioned as a private enterprise and profits were channeled to the association, which disbursed them for charitable work."

Whatever profits are made are distributed to various charities or schools in Israel and Toronto, said Don. He referred to a headline in a newspaper article which he felt summed up the association's function — "Take from dead, give to living."

There are 58 synagogues and organizations affiliated with the association, each having a proportionate number of delegates who meet four times a year. The executive and board, none of whom are paid, are elected every two years.

Don added that, even if someone who has died is not a member of one of the affiliated organizations, the chapel will still prepare the burial "as long as the person is Jewish." He added that welfare cases are accepted.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Albert Mend, president of the Steeles College Memorial Association, affixes mezuzah to the Kohanim Room of chapel. Surrounding him are, from left, Rabbis Moses Burak, Amram Assayag, and Yamin Cohen, the Chief Rabbi of Tangiers.

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CHANUKAH GREETINGS

Interned at age 19, now has brilliant career

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

He was 19 when he reached these distant shores, an Austrian Jewish enemy alien whom the authorities mistook for a Nazi sympathizer or spy.

Josef Kates forgave them for their transgression. "You've got to realize that the Germans had just invaded the Low Countries (Holland and Belgium) and the situation looked grim," he says, referring to the year 1940.

It was Canada's fortune, and Austria's loss, that Kates decided to remain in the country that almost rejected him.

Kates went on to a brilliant career as a computer specialist and as chairman of the Science Council of Canada. Now president of his own consulting firm, Kates, 60, is also chancellor of the University of Waterloo.

An engineer, mathematician and physicist, he achieved national prominence when, with his own two hands, he built Canada's first computer for the University of Toronto. By today's standards, it's rather unsophisticated. "It's like comparing a wheelbarrel to a jet," he says. Despite the disclaimer, Kates is clearly proud of his computer.

An avid tinkerer, he takes some pride in having developed the first electronic game-playing machine — Bertie the Brain — in Canada. "Conceptually, it was the forerunner of all electronic games."

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Since going into business for himself 27 years ago, Kates has traveled the world in pursuit of contracts. Today, he presides over the fortunes of two related firms — Josef Kates Associates and Teleride Corp. Over the years, he has bought and sold companies like an acrobat juggling balls in the air.

Teleride, which he formed quite recently, is off and running. "We're growing very quickly from nothing. Last year, we had a volume of $1 million." He might have added that the number of its employees has mushroomed from six to 35.

He is, as one might expect, an extremely busy man. "I could be in New York one moment and in San Francisco the next.

After so many years, technology utterly fascinates him.

He was born in Vienna, and received his education in a technical school. Kates still vividly remembers when Germany annexed Austria in 1938. "I recall flag-bedecked trucks rumbling through the streets and the Luftwaffe flying over Vienna."

"I had trouble convincing my parents to leave Austria," he adds. "They were much against it. They had built up a business, and thought we could weather the troubles."

One day, an anti-semitic mob broke into his father's grocery store and came within a whisker of killing him. Kates' two sisters were dragged into the street and forced to get on their knees and scrub the sidewalk.

These incidents convinced them to emigrate. Josef Kates needed no prodding. As a boy, growing up in a largely Gentile neighborhood, he had had some of his teeth knocked out by toughs. "I can't say I was a happy kid. I felt like an outsider. Austria was a very anti-semitic country. Its anti-semitism was much more visible than in Germany."

The Kates family immigrated to Britain, thinking they could finally settle down. In May of 1940, when Kates had already applied to join the army, he was interned as an enemy alien.

His father was interned for one day, a doctor declaring him unfit, and his mother and two sisters were incarcerated for about two weeks.

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Josef Kates, computer specialist

(His parents died some years ago; his sisters live in Canada, Britain and the U.S.; his brother, in England).

In Canada, Kates was an internee in several camps in Quebec and New Brunswick. He cut wood, made fish nets and studied during his 2-year incarceration. "It was, in some ways, a very interesting experience," he says.

Kates formed friendships with his fellow inmates — some of which have lasted to this day.

After being released, he was employed by Imperial Optical of Toronto as a precision optics expert. Meanwhile, he obtained a diploma in radio engineering from the International Correspondence Schools.

In 1948, he graduated from the University of Toronto. Three years later, he had his Doctorate in physics for development of an electronic cathode ray tube used in computer applications.

While doing his PhD, Kates joined the U of T's new Computation Centre — one of the first in the world concerned with the development and application of electronic computers. It was there, of course, that he assembled his home-grown computer.

On the side, Kates did consulting work for such organizations as the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and Canadian General Electric. This led him into private business — from which he has never looked back.

In 1968, the federal government appointed him to the Science Council. Created in 1966, it is an independent national advisory body which assesses technological and scientific resources and opportunities, and attempts to highlight them in public and/or influential forums.

He was named chairman in 1975, a term he completed in 1978. Kates believes he achieved two things at the Science Council. "We were instrumental in the establishment of the ministry of state for science and technology, and we published papers on energy before anyone thought we had these problems."

In spite of this, Kates learned that the Science Council was not as influential as he might have thought. "It doesn't have strong political clout," he says.

Kates, who serves on the boards of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, the Canadian Technion Society and the New Mount Sinai Hospital, was elected chancellor of the University of Waterloo for a three year term in 1979.

"It's really a ceremonial job, although I'm nominally head of the university."

Spending one day out of every week in Waterloo, Kates sits on all the university's decision-making bodies. "Sometimes, it cuts into business time. But it's sort of an honor, really."

The father of four children, he rarely thinks about the bad old days when he was interned as a enemy alien. "It's not a burdensome experience like that of a Holocaust survivor," he says. "I don't lose too much sleep over it. I have no time to reminisce about the past."

Reagan has confusing policy, Hamilton meeting is told

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Under the "confusing" policy of the Reagan administration, the Americans "don't seem to be rewarding their friends and are supporting those who are opposed to the Camp David peace process," Howard Stanislawski, past national director of the Canada-Israel Committee, told a well-attended breakfast meeting at Temple Anshe Sholom recently.

He was replying to a question on AWACS arms sales and the differences between the policies of the Carter and Reagan adminstrations, after his address to the fifth annual Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah breakfast.

The Reagan Middle East policy, "which inevitably lies at the centre of what will happen in the Middle East in the next several years," he said earlier, is based on "developing, maintaining and expanding what it considers to be a strategic anti-Soviet consensus."

But, unfortunately, the American view of this anti-Soviet consensus is not shared by many of the countries they count upon to advance their policy, "and if that consensus doesn't exist," Stanislawski continued, "they really have no policy with respect to developing Arab-Israeli peace."

Instead, Saudi Arabia, which the Americans had counted on being "an eager participant in the development of this strategic consensus" because of the Soviet threat to the oilfields and to its "very integrity and sovereignty and independence," has said it regards "the Israeli threat as being paramount." The Saudis, he said, are not at all willing to contemplate "any kind of tacit alliance with Israel in pursuit of anti-Soviet Middle East consensus."

As long as Saudi Arabia and all the other Arab countries except Egypt regard Israel or the Palestinian problem as more significant, said the speaker, "it is more important to them than trying to work out a defence posture that will be effective for all concerned . . . and it will be very difficult to move towards an Arab-Israeli peace process."

Consequently, he said, the "floundering" American administration doesn't know where to go and has fallen back on what, over the past 25 years, has proved to be standard American policy — courting the favor of countries it doesn't know how to deal with by selling them arms, no matter "how authoritarian or how evil with respects to its own citizens" their governments may be.

U.S. arms policy, declared Stanislawski, who now lives in Boston, "is a hodge-podge of developments that does not yield any clear directions for constructive foreign policy . . . and for resolving the problems of the region."

Nevertheless, the Camp David peace process will continue although, he warned, "we may see some ugly scenes" arising out of the scheduled Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai.

By that time, also, some progress will have been made in autonomy negotiations. "But even if no progress has been made," he added, "chances are that negotiations will continue for some time thereafter . . . because it is the only pragmatic program which has any chance of success in resolving many of the outstanding problems of the area."

He "becomes" a Jew at 41

by WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL — For most people, spending a birthday in a hospital is anything but ideal. But for Vladimir Rabinovitch, it turned out to be one of the happiest days of his life.

Vladimir's most recent birthday was his 41st and he spent most of it in the Jewish General Hospital, officially becoming a Jew. On that day, Vladimir Rabinovich was circumcised.

A native of the Soviet Union, Rabinovitch emigrated to Canada seven months ago along with his wife Ira, and two daughters.

He had lived in Kiev all his life, working as a press metal worker. Although he was aware of his Jewish roots — the Soviets do not let anyone forget — Rabinovitch's life was detached from Jewish tradition and customs.

He was particularly unaware of the necessity of circumcision for Jewish males — a practice, his wife says, is forbidden in the Soviet Union.

"Here in Montreal was the first time he heard about it," says Ira Rabinovitch. "He never realized before."

But Vladimir wasn't exactly anxious to go through with it at first. Chaya Malka Buchowitz, a volunteer affiliated with Chabad Lubavitch who was instrumental in arranging the bris, remembers approaching him with the idea, and being greeted with something less than enthusiasm.

"I received a sharp retort," she smiles, "he said 'me, not in a million years!' ".

But Buchrowitz was undeterred. She met later with Rabinovitch's wife, whose 28-year old brother had undergone the same procedure after emigrating to Montreal, and pointed out the obligation of Jewish males to be circumcised.

Together these two determined ladies were able to impress this fact on Vladimir. He relented and agreed that arrangements be made when he had finished a French immersion course he was taking.

The time went quickly and recently Vladimir entered the hospital. His operation lasted about an hour, requiring general anesthesia, and was performed by mohel Rabbi Michael Spiro and chief urologist Dr. Stephen Jacobson.

A few hours later, Rabinovitch was still groggy but in excellent spirits. He was surrounded by excited family and friends — toasting a new life beginning at 41.

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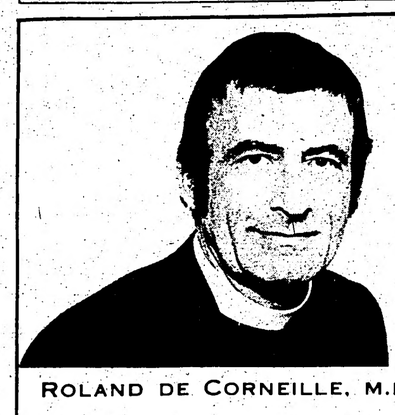
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CHANUKAH GREETINGS

Special service for Christians

JNF supplies trees for Christmas in Israel

By BUNNY ALEXANDRONI

JERUSALEM —

No "White Christmas" played 100 times a day, on the radio; no crush in shopping centres advertising — "only 20 days left to shop;" no colorful and extravagant displays; no Santas on every street corner; no beautiful layer of snow; no special Christmas eve television; no extended-family celebrations; these are but a few of the obvious differences encountered when celebrating Christmas in Israel for many foreign journalists, diplomats and other Christians in the Holy Land at this time or year.

But there are compensations.

Aside from the experience of a midnight mass in Nazareth or Bethlehem, you can also have a Christmas tree — as big as you like — thanks to the Jewish National Fund, which is usually in the business of planting trees — not cutting them down.

Once a year, right before Christmas, JNF combines in the forests with the needs of the Christian community in Israel. This is no small feat since before JNF, Christmas trees were usually procured by stealing them from convents or for exorbitantly high fees — from a florist.

But JNF has been providing treees for almost 30 years.

Ephraim Sharf, JNF projects co-ordinator, recalls that early in the 50s former world chairman of JNF, Avraham Granot, asked him to give some pine trees to the U.S. consul-general for the approaching Chirstmas season. Later on, when the U.S. Operations Mission was in Israel (in 1957) and the Canadians also requested trees, it decided to give all the foreign consulates and embassies trees, as a gift from the Israeli people, for Christmas.

Eventually it became an official request from the ministry of religion and the foreign ministry.

Cities and towns with large Christian populations, such as Nazareth and Jerusalem, take it upon themselves to cut down treetops, which JNF earmarks for them, and to distribute the trees to their residents.

Trees are usually between 1.5 metres to 4 metres — depending upon the size ordered. JNF tries to comply with all size demands — within reason.

"We give about 300 trees to the UN headquarters in Jerusalem," Sharf explains, "but we do not ask where the trees go. Some may find their way to other countries outside of Israel — places where it is difficult to find trees of this type."

What kind of tree, exactly, is the local Christmas tree?

In Israel, the traditional fir tree is not grown. Up until a few years ago, the pine tree was used but leaders of the Christian community here suggested that cypress trees be provided instead, since they resembled the fir tree more closely and their shape was more appropriate for decorating.

Chris Walker, Israel correspondent for the London Times, got his tree from JNF last year and will probably be getting one this year as well. He cannot remember where he first heard about the Christmas trees. "Everyone just knows about it here," he said, "Although I had never heard about it before I came to Israel."

Chris explained that, as a private person, all he did was phone the JNF office, which informed him when and where distribution would take place. On that day, he drove out to the meeting spot — on the road between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv (at the Eshtaol nursery).

"We all met at a gas station and off we went in a 'cavalcade of goyim,' easily recognizable by our trees piled on the roofs of our cars."

Where can you find the biggest Christmas tree in Israel? According to tradition, at the Jerusalem YMCA.

To hear about this tree, I made my way to the very busy office of Rizek Abu Sharr, head of the program department, who caters to members — not only of the Christian, Moslem and Jewish faiths, but also Buddist.

For the YMCA, preparations begin on Nov. 15 when Abu Sharr phones JNF to order his tree — between 4 and 5 metres high. The tree is picked up at the forest and brought to the Y where all members of the Christian community are invited to join in for an evening of decorating and singing traditional songs.

The Y Christmas tree gets a lot of mileage since three Christmases are celebrated in Jerusalem — Eastern, Western and Armenian — on three different dates.

"By the time the Armenian Christmas comes around, in January, our tree is so brittle, we have to keep spraying it with water to keep it from becoming firewood!" laughs Abu Sharr.

During one of the difficult periods in the ongoing Lebanese civil war, when the villages of southern Lebanon were suffering from lack of even the most basic things, Israel provided the residents with many essential products — even water. When Christmas came, in a gesture of friendship and brotherhood, JNF set up two large Christmas trees at the Good Fence (the crossing point from Lebanon into Israel) and at the request of the Lebenese, a large Christmas ceremony was held.

"But Chirstmas trees are only one aspect of our work–in connection with our Christian friends," explains Sharf. "This year, for example, JNF provided the Christian embassy, in Jerusalem, with 4,000 willow and palm fronds for their Feast of Tabernacles."

"You must understand," stresses Sharf, "that this is not a business. What we want is to help our Chirstian inhabitants enjoy their religious holidays as they see fit, remembering how many times throughout history Jews were not allowed to celebrate festivals as they wanted to."

And so, when Canadian Christians sit by their yule log glowing in the reflection of the snow outside, or when they decorate their glorious fir tree, they think of us, sitting by our gas or electric heaters with the rain falling outside, decorating our cypress tops. And just remember: these may be trees Joseph and Mary passed on their way to Bethlehem, on that fateful night.

Season's Greetings from Jerusalem!

Foreign student in Jerusalem selects her JNF Christmas tree.

JCC, North York host Chanukah party, Dec. 17

TORONTO —

A gala Chanukah party will be held in the main foyer of North York City Hall, on Dec. 17 at 7.30 p.m. Co-sponsors are the City of North York and the North-East branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Eileen Garber, who is co-ordinating the program for the JCC, said: "The walls will reverberate to the sounds of holiday music as Jewish groups from all over North York join together in a freilach holiday celebration."

Participants will include the Centre for Creative Living's choral group; Associated Hebrew School's newly formed choir; Bialik Day School's dance group; the Chai dancers from the Good Age Club of the northern JCC; and the United Synagogue Day School dance group, Beth Tikvah branch. They will perform a variety of folk and Israeli dances.

This will be the fourth annual North York Chanukah party. Attendance at previous celebrations has topped 1,000.

The festivities will be attended by North York Mayor Mel Lastman and members of the city council. Free dreidls will be given out to children, courtesy of the City of North York.

Admission to the holiday program is free, and everyone is welcome.

BB lodge's way to say thanks

TORONTO —

Members of the Unity Lodge of B'nai B'rith will bring refreshments to police spot-checks and stations, fire stations and hospitals in Metro Toronto and the southern area of York Region on Christmas Eve.

This project, called "Operation Coffeemate" is a lodge tradition, said Alan Direnfeld, a member of the lodge. Each team in the operation will have a Santa Claus and helpers.

"It is a means of thanking those individuals who are unable to be with their families on Christmas Eve while filling positions of supreme importance to the community at large on that night," said Direnfeld.

As in previous years sponsors were contacted in the fall and Irving Frisch, 1981 project chairman, said "we have been assured of continued support necessary to ensure another successful Christmas Eve operation."

The Unity Lodge also receives encouragement from the Metropolitan Toronto police force, which provides garage space for vehicle preparation and cafeteria space for food preparation.

Playing dreidel on holiday is part of celebration

By DR. DAVID GEFFEN

JERUSALEM —

My first experience with a dreidel was as a lad of 4 living near an army camp in Mississippi where my father was stationed as a judge advocate. I came home one day to our 1-room flat and found my mother busily shining a Chanukah menorah. She had also taken out a couple of ancient looking lead tops which were, in actuality, dreidels made by her father when she was a young girl.

Inquisitive as to what they were, I looked them over carefully, made out the Hebrew letters: nun, gimmel, heih, shin, and then tried to turn them. I began to play in earnest. When I finally got tired and let them rest a bit, my mother looked at me and said, "If my father were only alive to see his grandson playing with dreidels he had lovingly fashioned . . . Today you have become the newest spinner in our family chain."

The name dreidel derives from the German word "drehen," meaning to spin. According to game historians, the 4-sided top was a well known toy quite popular in medieval Germany. That top had an N for nichts (nothing), G — gantz (all), H — halb (half) and S — shtehl (put). These four letters were transformed into Hebrew characters on the Jewish dreidel. This game, possibly as long as 500 years ago, became a highlight of the Chanukah festivities since the celebration emphasized all types of joyous activities . . . even gambling, to which the dreidel readily lent itself.

The late Prof. Sidney Hoenig explained the inclusion of the dreidel into the Chanukah observances in another fashion. "Symbolically, the top recalls the "turnover" of events when Judah the Maccabee's few forces vanquished and toppled the many in Antiochus' army. The natural sequence of events was overturned, the strong were spun into the hands of the weak."

Practically since its inception the letters on the dreidel were assumed to be the initials of the four words which best describe the great event: "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham" — "a great miracle happened there." In Israel one letter is changed and a "peih" appears in place of the "shin." The peih stands for "po" (here) referring to the fact that here in Jerusalem, at the site of the ancient Temple, the miracle of the oil occurred.

The letters on the dreidel form the basis for the well known Chanukah gambling game of put and take. A nun spin means you take nothing. With gimmel you get it all. A heih gives you half, and a shin requires you to put something in the pot.

It has been suggested that since Jews were, at times, not allowed to study, they used the dreidel game as a subterfuge. While playing they were, in reality, orally studying the Torah. Some have noted that the dreidel is spun from above indicating that it is God who spins all worldly events to their rightful conclusion.

Prior to World War II, before the age of synthetics, most dreidels were either cast in lead or carved from wood. Today, however, most mass produced dreidels are made from plastic. Inflation has also had its impact on the dreidel market. Ten years ago 100 plastic dreidels were sold in New York for $1.75. Today, for those same 100 dreidels, it will cost $9, a five-fold increase in the last decade.

The two largest producers of dreidels are in Jerusalem and in Japan. This year the Jerusalem dreidel manufacturer exported a half million dreidels to the United States. Each one has the shin and not the peih, because they are to be used outside of Israel.

The dreidel market will be especially good this year, I was told, because of the overlapping of Christmas and Chanukah.

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CHANUKAH GREETINGS

Owner of store in Yamit denounces Sinai withdrawal

By ARNOLD AGES

You have probably seen his picture on television, heard him interviewed on radio or read interviews with him in the Jerusalem Post.

Haim Feifel is the owner of a prosperous general store in the highly controversial town of Yamit, that lovely seashore enclave in northern Sinai.

Haim has been one of the most vociferous voices in denouncing the projected Israeli withdrawal from Sinai — a move dictated by the Camp David Accords. He has described the future withdrawal [in April, 1982] as a horrendous betrayal of the Yamit settlers and a foolish act in the light of Mideast geographical developments.

I first met Haim Feifel in 1959.

Then he was a young, aspiring American cantor who had come to Israel to study Hebrew. Although not registered in the same program as we were, Haim enjoyed our camaraderie and visited us often because of mutual friends.

Even then Haim had a flair for flamboyant gestures. He was among the first to acquire a Lambretta within our circle of friends. That Italian motorbike was his vehicle for freedom in more than one sense. He was in those days a bit of a daredevil, wheeling his Lambretta along the sparsely trafficked streets of Jerusalem and over the undulating hills of the city's approaches.

We lost sight of Haim for a few years although we learned that he had acquired a prestigious post as a cantor in a large U.S. synagogue.

In 1972 Haim called us, announced that he was in Toronto and that he was participating in a pioneering Israeli settlement venture — Yamit.

Several months before, Moshe Dayan had outlined to the Israeli public his vision of a vast metropolitan agglomeration that was to rise on the Mediterranean. The city of Yamit [literally "of the sea"] was to be part of Israel's strategic defence corridor in the west at the same time as it helped to disperse the nation's population from its Tel Aviv-Jerusalem axis.

The Yamit idea of a city of some 25,000 was generated during that period before Sadat's dramatic peace overtures when Egypt had sworn vengeance against Israel for the 1967 debacle. Anwar Sadat had reaffirmed the three no(s) of Khartoum: no peace, no negotiations, no recognition — as far as Israel was concerned.

Since an accommodation with Egypt appeared at that juncture to be a distant and unrealistic goal, Israeli planners busied themselves with the practical problems of making Israel impregnable to enemy attack. The Yamit conurbation was to have other dimensions. Another deep sea port was envisaged; a huge fishing venture was to be developed; agricultural produce was to flourish.

In the winter of 1972 when Haim visited us, these were still concepts on planning boards. The site of Yamit was still then only loess-type soil (arable but only with irrigation water) with none of the amenities later to become associated with the town.

We talked at length about the city that was to arise in the Sinai northlands and that was to hug the Mediterranean. Haim had made the decision to join the Yamit garin (the nucleus of settlers) because he had found life as a cantor in an American synagogue vacuous.

His life was now to be animated by challenge; the smug securities of the American Diaspora were no longer for him. The pioneering resonances of the Yamit project provided the impetus to move himself and his family to a desolate spot in order to actualize Dayan's dream.

He also suggested, in his disarming fashion, that he wanted to be among the first in the town . . . to get the inside track. The challenge of life in a harsh environment did not at all frighten him.

I remember specifically speaking to Haim about the political aspects of Yamit. Was he not aware, for example, that the Egyptians had proclaimed their intention of "liberating Sinai," and that Anwar Sadat had staked his honor on retrieving "the usurped territory."

Haim was undaunted by that scenario. Given the hostility between Egypt and Israel, he was of the opinion that Israel would never give back the Sinai.

A year after settling in Yamit, Haim Feifel and his family endured the Yom Kippur War and, four years later came the dramatic Sadat initiative which resulted in the Camp David agreements.

In the short space of several years Yamit had grown from desert wasteland to a vigorous and thriving Sinai community. Industry was booming; the town's fisheries was a major money-maker for the community. Haim's general store had shared in the prosperity. Yamit was on its way . . . a new Netanya on its way.

Alas, it is not to be. The Begin government is committed to killing off the Yamit project and Haim Feifel will have to find another place to express his pioneering zeal.

He will, no doubt, and I wish him luck.

Miracle of Chanukah recalls the survival of State of Israel

By DVORA WAYSMAN

She enjoys the Chanukah candles. [Shuki Kook photo]

We call Chanukah a minor festival. This Feast of Lights is not even mentioned in the Bible, and it celebrates a military event rather more than a miracle.

During the eight days of its observance, very little fuss is made — Jews continue their workaday routine; there are no celebrations in the synagogue; few customs associated with it apart from gastronomical ones and the nightly kindling of the menorah lights.

Why do we still bother to celebrate it at all?

Chanukah celebrates the successful revolt of the Jews in the days of the Second Temple, against the Greeks who had inherited the Syrian part of Alexander the Great's fallen empire. Antiochus Epiphanes, the tyrannical ruler, tried to force Greek religion and culture on Judea, finding the nonconformist Jews a threat to the state. His oppression reached its peak in 168 BCE when his army erected an idol in the Temple in Jerusalem, and he forced Jews to sacrifice swine to the Greek gods.

This was the final insult that caused the Jews to rise up and revolt, stemming the evil tide of events. On 25th Kislev 165 BCE, Judah Maccabee led a victorious band of loyalists and the Temple was recaptured. Eight days were spent in purifying and rededicating it (Chanukah literally means "Dedication"). The Temple service continued for two more centuries until the Romans overthrew Jerusalem in 70 CE and again the Temple was destroyed.

Chanukah is the most recent festival in terms of origin, and has the least number of observances connected with it. Although it commemorates oppression and subsequent victory, there are countless examples in our history of Jews driving out oppressors and regaining independence. What makes Chanukah more important?

It was Judaism's first encounter with the danger of assimilation that threatened to wipe out Jewish identity for all time. It is a similar threat which Jews living in the Diaspora are facing today, and the same question which must be asked: can a small minority, dwelling among a different culture, take part and contribute to the general society without imitating its customs to such an extent that they are swallowed up?

The masses of Jewish people today face two major threats to Jewish identity — one posed by the cruel repressions of the Soviet and similar regimes, and one posed by the tolerant, seductively attractive societies of the free Western world. It is hard to know where the greatest danger to Judaism lies.

Behind the Iron Curtain, Antiochus lives again where our faith is considered to be superstitious and barbaric. Marxism has replaced God and freedom of worhsip exists mainly on paper. Jews who wish to practice their religion, study the Hebrew language or who make aliya to Israel are persecuted and placed outside the pale, with all their rights and liberties denied them.

The opposite is true in the West . . . yet the danger is greater because the threat is more subtle. There are no restrictions at all on following the Jewish religion and tradition, yet there is the hidden pressure to imitate what many jews are seduced into believing is a culture superior to their own.

It begins by celebrating Christmas as well as, or even instead of, Chanukah; the New Year rather than Rosh Hashanah; Easter instead of Passover; until a Jew sees most of his heritage slipping away as he takes on more and more Gentile culture and observance. It is hardly different from the Hellenization that was imposed on Jews in the time of the Maccabees, except that it is a voluntary act.

When we light the Chanukah candles, we are "proclaiming the miracle" of the cruse of oil that lasted for eight days instead of one in the Temple. What we are really commemorating is our whole history . . . the Jewish nation that should have lasted a brief hour yet has never been consumed, and still burns brightly.

Israel is a nation again with its own heritage, its own destiny. The miracle of Chanukah is not a supernatural act. Its symbol is the light which emanates from God, but the real miracle is that because of our Torah and the State of Israel, the light is still burning brightly despite the surrounding darkness.

[World Zionist Press Service]

Archives is planned by JCC– search for material is launched

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre — and before that the YM-YWHA — in Toronto has had a long and colorful history. But, unfortunately, that historic past is being lost and forgotten with each passing year.

In order to help preserve the JCC's history, a new committee has been launched with the purpose of retrieving archival material.

"We want to get as much as we can from the past," said Sylvia Paikin, a spokeswoman for the JCC. "What we're looking for are photos, scrap books, minutes from meetings . . . anything to do with the past."

Paikin said that there is a great deal of material that should be collected and recorded. She added that if a person has mementos that they want to keep in their own collection, then the JCC will make copies of the material.

There has yet to be a decision about where the archival material will be housed, but two possibilities have been suggested — either keeping it at the JCC northern branch, or placing it with the Toronto Jewish Congress archives.

Paikin said some material has already been received, but only a small fraction of what is extant.

She said JCC is also looking for long-time members who would be able to identify people in photographs. She said she is exploring the possibility of holding a reunion for early Y members.

"It's a shame this hasn't been done until now," Paikin said. "The material is probably scattered around the world."

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TV is a key source for communicating the news from small but volatile country of Israel

By CHARLEY J. LEVINE

JERUSALEM —

Sunlight glistens from the myriad of TV antennas jutting skyward from the roofs of countless ancient stone homes in the walled Old City of Jerusalem. Just a few miles across town in the modern part of Israel's capital is a scene far less anachronisitc — well known news correspondents from CBS and BBC scrambling for a 2-minute satellite feed, reporting on the latest crisis or speculation of hope from Israel and the Mideast.

World attention has been riveted on Israel virutally since its establishment in 1948, and TV is today a key source of communicating the news from this small but volatile country. Carving out a successful video niche in the midst of this dynamic activity is a somewhat unlikely collection of media professionals whose divergent lives have ultimately led them each to a sign titled, "Jewish Renaissance, Inc." in an affluent, sleepy Jerusalem neighborhood.

The casual observer must concentrate to decide whether the offices at 22 Ibn Gvirol St. belong to a rapidly expanding video studio of a traditional yeshiva. A serious glance at the vast array of latest-generation video equipment in every nook and cranny, plus adjacent graphics, typography and sound labs quickly resolve any lingering doubt.

[Shuki Kook photo]

Jerusalem's "Jewish Renaissance Inc." features technology and tradition."

The company was founded last year by young religious olim — mostly from America — all of whom happen to hold outstanding credentials in their respective fields. In many cases, the traditional kippot and tzitzit are relatively recent additions by those who arrived only lately at their Jewish identity.

Gedalia Gurfein, 27, is a case in point. A funny thing happened on his way to interview Indian gurus for National Geographic and run a New Zealand ranch in 1974. He stopped off and stayed in Israel, extending his week-long visit to a stint of several years in the famous Or Sameach Yeshiva for baalei tshuva (repentants). While at the yeshiva he met Avi Engel, a young savvy businessman from Brooklyn who admired Gurfein's media visions, especially his contention that the Israel video market was just beginning to take off.

They recruited other professionals who were also undergoing the new religious experimental: two independent U.S. filmmakers, a leading graphic designer, a TV producer, a BBC sound man and others.

It was only a matter of time until JR (Jewish Renaissance) Video was established. Gurfein likes to relate to it as a "media collective," with lots of talented people engaged in various creative projects. Engel prefers to talk dollars and cents. They form a very natural, mutually strengthening pair.

"It's true we are a very Jewish company," Engel says, "but we are also a strictly competitive enterprise that just happens to be manned by people who hold common principles and perspectives. There is no relationship to religion when I can come to someone in America and say, 'My outfit can save you up to $100,000 on the production of standard half-hour video program.' I think we have a straight dollars and cents approach that puts us way ahead of our competition."

His claim is made possible through a number of interlocking factors. Labor in Israel is both highly professional in this field yet considerably cheaper than in other market areas. Daily operational expenses such as travel are similarly low-scaled. And government subsidies exist in generous proportion for export-oriented industry for which JR handily qualifies. Thus not only JR, but the video field in general in burgeoning in Israel, as is the film industry.

JR is invloved in co-production with various U.S. companies on a dollar-matching arrangement and is especially proud of a newly-arrived array of one-inch video equipment, the newest thing that technology in the field has to offer.

Gurfein cites a just agreed-upon accord with Israel's Gesher educational institution to co-produce a $2 million project, geared for both Israeli and American cable TV, of high-quality programming of a Jewish nature.

The first pilot for the series is a half-hour presentation of Shabbat, geared for the early teen market. It utilizes comedy skits, interviews, some animated segments prepared on Madison Ave. and a host-audience format. The idea is to produce informative, even inspiring material in a medium which young, sometimes quite assimilated teens can relate to.

The sparkle in Engel's eye is kindled when he turns to his longer range vision: "JR is a unique enterprise in many ways, one of which being that a percentage of all profits is put away into an escrow account for the day when we will be able, G-d willing, to establish a new and very special yeshiva of our own in Israel."

The circle is completed. Professionalism takes a respite for intensive religious instruction, returning later to professional pursuits, and revolving ultimately back to Judaism. The long term objective is a unique house of learning to be shaped along lines that only Engel's and Gurfein's commitment and creativity will delineate.

And if JR Video will climb the heights of Mideast industrial success to reach that driving goal . . . then so be it!

Orthodox urged to avoid elitism

PORT CHESTER, N.Y. [JTA] —

A dean of a rabbinical seminary and two leading Orthodox rabbis warned "a rapidly growing American Orthodox Jewish community to avoid the attitude of elitism in its relationship with other Jews."

Addressing more than 3,000 Orthodox Jews from this country and abroad attending the 3-day 59th convention of Agudath Israel of America, Rabbi A. Henoch Leibowitz, dean of the Chofetz Chaim Rabbinical Seminary in Queens, N.Y., called on Orthodox Jews to "attract unaffiliated Jews by setting an example of superior moral standards."

It is essential, he said, "to address our alienated brethren as our equals rather than talking down to them." At the same time, Leibowitz called on Orthodox Jews to "perfect their own religious observance before reaching out to others — not as an act of self-centredness, but as a means of being worthy of helping others."

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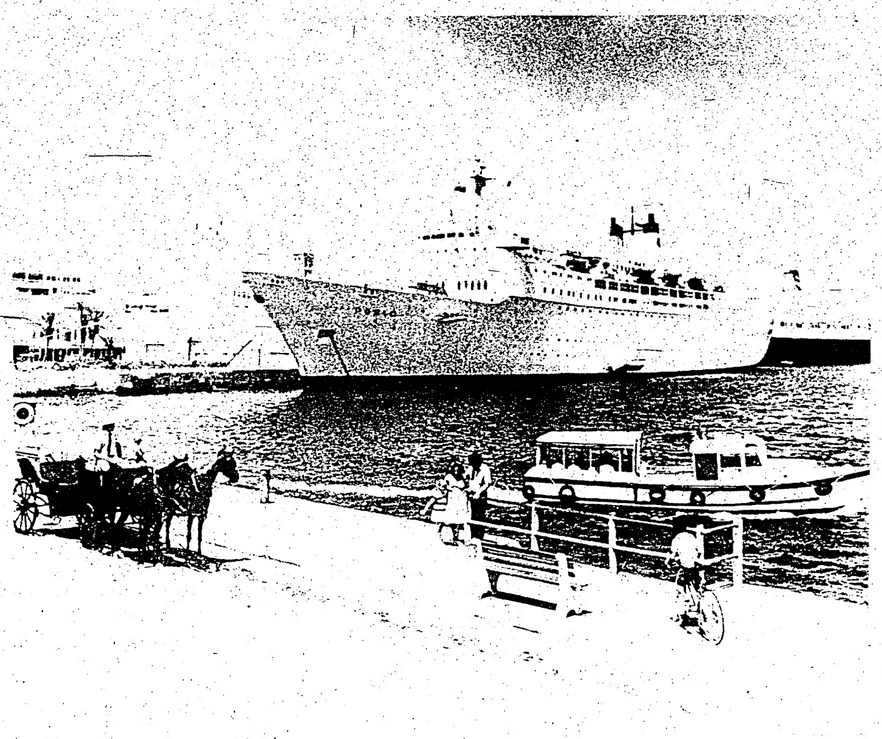

Caribbean docks make delightful berths for cruise ships in winter.

Book as soon as possible for a wide variety of cruises

By JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

One week or longer cruises sail from Miami area ports almost weekly during most of the year, with the greatest number during early winter months. You'll be able to tour many of the Caribbean islands and some Mexican destinations while your ship is in port. The cruise ship is your hotel.

With many more ships now making cruises instead of taking travelers across the Atlantic Ocean, there is competition between ship lines. As a result some cruise packages allow a set sum to cover air transportation from inland cities to cruise ports in the Miami area, New York, New Orleans and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Some ship lines will quote fly/cruise rates.

There is a wide choice of cruise destinations, each cruise ship having a different set of ports of call. You can tour the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, the former Dutch islands of Curacao, Aruba and St. Maarten.

Some ships touch in at the Venezuelan port of La Guaira outside Caracas. Almost all ships stop at Barbados, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, St. Lucia, United States Virgin Islands and Nassau in the Bahamas. A few make stops at Cozumel in Mexico, in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, some at Antigua and Grand Cayman Island.

The choice is ample — your travel agent has specific data.

Most cruise ships to the Caribbean are operated by well known United States, British, Dutch, Norwegian and French lines. They have been built or modified from ocean liners to meet the one-class cruise travelers. All have comfortable lounges and meeting rooms, open and enclosed decks, resplendent dining rooms, a variety of bars, movie theatre and dance floor.

Cabins have regular beds or berths, depending on price, and some have luxurious suites on upper decks.

In December and January you can sail to the Caribbean area from New York on trips lasting from eight to 17 days to such islands as Puerto Rico, Antigua, Virgin Islands, Barbados and Martinique (with minimum prices from U.S.$1,200 to U.S.$2,300, depending on choice of cabin). Other cruise ships leave during the winter months from New Orleans and Galveston, Texas, for the Caribbean area.

In March and April there will be short cruises available from New York to Bermuda, while in the fall there are weekly sailings to Bermuda from New York in such ships as the Queen Elizabeth II, Volendam and Doric.

Most popular currently for Canadians are cruises from New York and Florida ports to the Bahamas, various Caribbean islands and the northern part of South America. They range from 3-day cruises from Miami to Nassau (for approximately U.S.$300) to 7, 10, 11, 14 and 18-day cruises from Miami area ports to as far south as Venezuela (in price from U.S.$700 to U.S.$2,000 for minimum-priced accommodation). There are frequent sailings all winter.

On the Pacific coast there are 3- and 4-day weekly cruises all year from San Pedro Ensenada, Mexico, just south of California, with special fly-cruise rates from Western Canadian cities. From December to February there are also cruises on American and Russian ships from Los Angeles, touching at various Mexican west coast destinations.

Many Canadians take winter holidays in Hawaii and travel to the various islands of the Hawaiian group by air. But also available every Saturday from Honolulu till June are 7-day ship cruises of the islands [with rates from U.S.$845 up, depending on choice of cabin].

For vacationers with more time available there are world cruises during the winter months. In January from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Sagafjord has an 89-day cruise through the Pacific coast, then to Japan, via the Indian Ocean and the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean and across the Atlantic to Bermuda (minimum U.S.$16,000).

From New York in January the Rotterdam starts a 91-day cruise through the West Indies, Panama Canal, across the Pacific to Papua, Southeast Asia, India, around South Africa to Rio de Janeiro, then to Florida (from minimum $13,000).

The Queen Elizabeth II starts an 80-day round-the-world trip in mid-January from New York via the West Indies, South America, South Africa, Thailand, Japan, across the Pacific to the Panama Canal then to Florida (minimum U.S.$13,000).

From Fort Lauderdale the Royal Viking Sea in January leaves for 88 days through the Panama Canal via the South Pacific islands to New Zealand, Australia, then India, Suez Canal, to Madeira (from minimum s.$15,000).

With more ships now in the cruise business, you need not book far in advance, unless you want specific cabins. But it is advisable to book as early as possible for a ship cruise, and be sure to ask for special rates to take you from your city to a port city.

Many cultural attractions

Holland boasts famous museums

AMSTERDAM —

Winter is the best time of year to enjoy Europe's many cultural attractions. The time when the weather turns cool and people start to move indoors is also the time when the pace of cultural life quickens. Opera and ballet companies, theatres and symphony orchestras begin their seasons.

Winter is also the best time to visit museums, since they are less crowded than in summer and often have special exhibitions.

Many European cities have great museums, but few can match Amsterdam's. The Rijkmuseum is recognized as housing one of the greatest art collections in the world, including three rooms full of paintings by Rembrandt van Rijn.

Although he worked in the 17th century, Holland's Golden Age, Rembrandt is still regarded by many critics as the greatest painter in the world for his ability to capture character and for his mastery of technique. His famous picture "The Nightwatch" has a room all to itself, with extensive explanations of its construction. This is the picture of a conventional Dutch regiment that broke all the conventions.

The Rijksmuseum also houses many paintings by Jan Vermeer, Frans Hals, Jan Steen and Hans Holbein — in fact, many of the paintings tucked into obscure corners of the Rijksmuseum would be the showpiece of many a lesser collections.

No matter how gloomy and gray the weather outside, a visit to the Museum Vincent Van Gogh will soon have you feeling that it's summer in the south of France. Paintings such as "Portrait of My Room at Arles," "Sunflowers" and other sunny scenes are sure to vanquish any winter blahs. This bright, well-planned modern museum houses 200 paintings, 400 drawings and 700 letters from one of Holland's most interesting and troubled artists.

If your taste runs more to modern art, visit the Stedelijk Museum with its exhibits of contemporary art.

Still following the artistic theme, you will want to visit the home of Rembrandt, a magnificent 17th century house. The painter fell in love with this house and took out a large mortgage on it. When his popularity began to decline as his style became less conventional, the burden of the mortgage payments forced him into bankruptcy. He ended his days in a far simpler house.

The Anne Frank House is another famous Amsterdam museum. This is the canal house where Anne Frank and her family and friends remained hidden for more than two years during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam. It was here that the young Jewish girl composed her famous diary.

Downstairs there is a moving record of the Holocaust and the effect of German occupation on the Netherlands. Upstairs, you can visit the small rooms where eight people lived protected by sympathetic Dutch friends and neighbors, but in constant fear of discovery.

The Franks and their friends were captured and sent to concentration camps only a few months before the liberation of Europe, and all but Anne's father died there. The Anne Frank House is a touching monument to human courage as well as a useful reminder of the horrors of war and prejudice.

If you still hanker for museums, there are plenty more you can visit. The museum Van Loon is a merchant's canal house authentically restored to its state in the late 18th century. A visit will give you a good idea of how Amsterdam's wealthy merchants lived — note particularly the beautiful oriental rugs.

There is also an architecture museum, an aeronautical and space museum, a stamp museum, a theatre museum, the Tropical Museum, the Jewish historical museum and more than a score more. Amsterdam has more than 40 museums, which must give it one of the highest ratios of museums per capita in the world.

The museums usually close at night, but cultural life goes right on. One of Amsterdam's major cultural attractions is the Concertgebouw orchestra, which plays in the acoustically nearly perfect Concertgebouw. The orchestra makes frequent world tours, but from September to June it can usually be found right at home.

Amsterdam also boasts its own opera company, the Nederlands Operastichting. Although not on a par with those of the Metropolitan or the Vienna State Opera, its productions are spirited and professional. The enjoyment of it shows is fostered by the intimate size and rococo decor of the Stadsschowburg, where it plays. This is also one of the most reasonably-priced operas in Europe, with seats starting at about $4. Given the theatre's small size, almost every seat is a good one.

The Netherlands National Ballet also performs at the Stadsschowburg, as do some theatre companies which occasionally have English-language productions.

On the lighter side, you can catch first-run movies in Amsterdam, always in their original language. Unlike many Europeans, the Dutch do not dub foreign films into their own language. This means you can enjoy Canadian, U.S. and English movies as much as you would at home.

Eilat booms

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

The recently announced decision by Canadian Pacific to build a hotel in Eilat marks a further escalation in that resort town's construction boom.

Also building hotels in Eilat are the Sheraton chain, Sonesta, Israel's domestic Dan Hotels and the Shiff chain. By 1984, more than 2,000 new rooms will be added to give Eilat a total of about 4,400 rooms and a number of conference halls.

CP's new hotel, to be named the Red Sea Plaza, will have 330 rooms, a swimming pool, a health and sports centre and a 100-metre private beach. The 4-star facility is scheduled to open in 1983, according to Jon Caldecourt, CP area director for Europe and the Middle East.

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Vermont's ski slopes are busier than usual

STOWE, Vt. —

This small New England village, which claims to be the ski capital of the eastern United States, started its 40th season as a ski resort late in November.

Nestled among the state's Green Mountains, the Stowe area has 37 Alpine ski slopes and trails, with 36 miles (58 km.) of trails, and 100 miles (160 km) of cross-country ski terrain.

This past summer the local ski association spent $1,500,000 on new snow-making machinery and two wide intermediate trails for downhill skiers under the enclosed gondola lift system on Mount Mansfield. Whether snow comes naturally or not there will be over 12 miles (19 km) of top to bottom skiing on the 2,150-foot (662 metres) vertical drop of the Mount Mansfield slope.

There was already ample snow on Vermont's various skiing peaks in time for the United States Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 26. Ski reports coming from the state capital of Montpelier stated that Jay Peak in northern Vermont had 38 inches of snow. At Stowe there were between 24 and 30 inches of new snow. Other areas of the state popular with skiers such as Bolton Valley, Smugglers' Notch and Mad River Glen had between 7 and 13 inches of new snow.

All the dozen or so ski areas of Vermont have a variety of ski lifts and several, like Stowe have enclosed 4-passenger gondola lifts. Most have a ski season which lasts till late March or early April. Practically all have ski schools for children and adults.

There is a variety of ski packages for weekends, a few days during the week, Monday to Friday packages, or week-long arrangements, including lodging, use of ski lifts and rental of ski equipment for both Alpine and cross-country skiing. Some package rates include meals, but in many cases meals are extra, leaving the skier to enjoy a variety of restaurants, small hotels and other dining spots.

While most of New England's skiing is in Vermont, there is also skiing in Maine and New Hampshire. In the latter state there are more than 100 major ski lifts, most in the north-central part of the state in the Bretton Woods, Attitash, Mount Cranmore, Wildcat Mountain and Balsams Wilderness area.

There will be cross-country ski championships at Bretton Woods Jan. 27 to Feb. 2. In Maine there is downhill as well as cross-country skiing in the Bethel and Farmington areas, and there is ski-jumping at Rumford and Adover.

Ski trains now operate from Montreal to the Vermont region on the United States Amtrak train between Montreal and Washington. The train stops at some 20 Vermont ski areas.

Busiest times on the ski slopes just south of the international border are the Christmas-New Year and Washington's Birthday (Feb. 20 to 22 weekend) periods.

During early and late season and for a few weeks after the year-end holidays, Vermont's slopes are quieter than usual. Stowe will have its winter carnival Jan. 15 to 23 with cross-country and Alpine races, hockey games, snowgolf with colored tennis balls, and evening community events.

There will be other winter carnivals in the state at Burke, from Jan. 16 to 24 with races, ice sculptures, costume parades, sleigh rides, and square dances; at Okemo, Jan. 17 to 23; at Jay Peak, Feb. 6 to 12, with races, sleigh rides, arts and crafts fair; and at Middlebury College Snow Bowl there will be eastern collegiate ski championships, an ice show, hockey game and basketball games Feb. 27 and 28.

There is more fun slated for March in Vermont. At Smugglers' Notch — a spring ski carnival from March 12 to 20 with dogsled races, winter ski film festival, broomball tournament and a carnival ball with crowning of king and queen. At Killington the annual shovel schuss takes place on March 13 when employees of the inns race down a ski trail on shovels. A St. Patrick's Day weekend is set for March 13 and 14 at Mount Snow with snow sculpture contest, torchlight parade, an Irish slalom race and other events.

(A booklet outlining the 32 Alpine ski areas, Ski Vermont, and one on Cross-Country Skiing In Vermont, are available free from the Vermont Travel Division, 61 Elm St., Montpelier, VT 05602, U.S.A.)

For those planning to ski in the Vermont region near the Quebec border, nearest synagogues are at Burlington on Lake Champlain — Ahavath Gerim, Orthodox, at Archibald and Hyde Sts.; Ohavi Zedek, Conservative, at 188 North Prospect St.,; and Temple Sinai, Reform, at 899 Dorset St.

In New Hampsire closest synagogues to the ski areas are at Manchester, where there is Temple Israel, Conservative, at 678 Pine St., and Adath Yeshrun, Reform, at 152 Prospect St., and at Portsmouth, Conservative Temple Israel at 200 State St.

In Maine nearest synagogues to skiing areas are Beth Abraham, Conservative, at Main and Laurel, Auburn; Beth Jacob, Conservative, at Shawmut and Sababatus Sts., Lewiston; and also at Lewiston, Beth Abraham, Reform, on Main St.

Mexico lies across the water from tiny Castolon, Texas

By JAMES MONTAGNES

CASTOLON, Texas —

You will have a hard time finding this spot on a map of Texas. When you arrive here you'll realize why. No hotel nor motel, no street nor traffic — just desert, an old wooden general store with overhanging roof to give shade and a few adobe huts, one of which is a comfort station.

If you want to get away from it all, this is the place. This is the place if you are an adventurer. It is at the southwestern tip of Texas on the Rio Grande River, with Mexico across the water. Silence is everywhere.

All around are the Chisos Mountains, rugged wild country which once supported large herds of cattle. Now it is bare except for about 2,500 varieties of flowering cactus and yuccas, a blaze of brilliant yellows, scarlets, pinks, deep purples and violets and green leaves.

Castolon is in Big Bend National Park, 789,000 acres of mountains and living desert where deer, pronghorn antelope, peccary, fox, coyote, cougar and squirrels abound, where lizards, a few snakes and giant tarantula spiders can be seen. Bird watchers can spot as many as 200 varieties, including roadrunners, weak-flying but fast-running members of the cuckoo family.

It is a short hike from Castolon to the Rio Grande River and Santa Elena Canyon, an awe-inspiring spot. Here you really feel small, and even the river which flows between Mexico and the United States seems narrow as it winds its way between 1,500 feet (about 500 metres) high cliffs. If you are game, you can climb the bottom part of those cliffs, and you'll get an even better idea of the immensity of this canyon.

A little further along this travel reporter crossed the international boundary by ferry — a 1-man-powered rowboat. No border formalities here, just sand and rock to meet you on the other side. In the near distance is the Mexican community of Santa Elana, a veritable metropolis with its dozen or so adobe houses in comparison to Castolon. Children stopped their play to watch the unexpected visitors.

The Mexicans cross the border frequently — to do their shopping in the Castolon store.

This is the country where Pancho Villa made war on the United States just about 60 years ago. This was ranch country then, and bandits came to raid the cattle. The U.S. Army came down to give protection, built barracks at Castolon, and the present general store is what remains of those barracks, and is now a national historic site.

Big Bend National Park is easily reached via main highways 320 miles (512 km) southeast of El Paso, 400 miles (640 km) west of San Antonio, and about 575 miles (920 km) southwest of Dallas-Fort Worth. There is also bus service from main cities. There are two entrances, one at the north end via Marathon, the other in the west via Alpine.

This desert mountain park is open all year for camping with modern motels at a few locations. In winter 70- and 80-degrees Fahrenheit (21 to 26 Celsius) is usual in the Rio Grande area, sometimes a bit cooler in the mountain areas of the park.

The park was established about 35 years ago, bought from ranchers by the U.S. government. It had been denuded by over-ranching. Now the desert is beginning to bloom again.

Comanche Indians roamed it at one time and there were a few early Spanish settlements. If you come from the north at Persimmon Gap, you will drive along a paved road which once was the Comanche War Trail. Should you come via the western entrance from Alpine or El Paso you will pass through two ghost mining towns, Study Butte and Terlingua, the latter with a small population still doing some silver mining.

You can travel the park by car, on foot, on horseback and along the Rio Grande in part by rubber raft, an exciting ride. Some of the trails are self-guding — but you are warned to stay on the trail. You can easily get lost in the many gullies and arroyas between the mountains. Take plenty of water and your lunch. In summer the temperatures go up to 85 F (30 C).

All day horseback trail trips can be arranged to various parts of the park. Most popular are trails to the South Rim and The Window, a space between two mountain peaks which resembles a window view.

Boat trips in inflatable rubber rafts can be taken on the Rio Grande for the 107 miles (171 km) it forms part of the park boundary. There are several portages where the river is shallow. A permit from park headquarters at Panther Junction or a ranger station is needed for the unforgettable exciting river trip.

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Caplan, Harry on Dec. 1/81, late of 32 Oriole Cres.

Clavir, Murray, on Dec. 4/81, late of 11 Warwick Ave. #3.

Dan Ruby, on Dec. 5/81, late of 114 Brookbanks Dr.

Foster, Ellen, on Nov. 30/81, late of 18 Dewbourne Ave.

Godfrey, Frank, on Nov. 30/81, late of 2500 Bathurst #109.

Lax, Hyman, on Dec. 6/81, late of 6000 Bathurst St. #1102.

Milner, Simon, on Dec. 4/81, late of 29 Scenic Millway.

Pullan, Joel, on Dec. 4/81, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

Rashman, Celia, on Dec. 3/81, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.

Rosen, Joseph, on Dec. 5/81, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.

Spergel, Sarah, on Dec. 4/81, late of Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Topper, Harry, on Dec. 3/81, late of 330 Spadina Rd. #1701.

Zimmerman, Ann, on Dec. 6/81, late of 119 Alexis Blvd.

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French flipflop

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Cheysson, collared by his British, Dutch, Belgium and West German colleagues at a NATO meeting in Brussels, recanted. And Francois Mitterand effectively deflated Cheysson's effusive remarks by asserting that Israel had to recognize the Palestinians' right to build their own homeland.

At a press conference, Cheysson said that the Venice Declaration was still valid and "fits us perfectly." He explained, rather unconvincingly, that his statement had been "badly interpreted" and did not accurately reflect French policy in the Middle East.

Mitterand, a self-proclaimed friend of Israel, made no reference to his foreign minister's Israeli remarks. These, in his probable view, were better left unsaid.

But he did outline the basic contours of French policy: recognition of Israel within secure boundaries, and recognition of Palestinian self-determination. "It is true that we risk to be misunderstood by both sides," Mitterand said, "but there is also a good chance that both sides will understand us and approve France's position."

This policy, as defined by Mitterand, leans toward the Venice Declaration rather than the Camp David Accords.

Still unclear, however, is whether France will play any role in the EEC's initiative, which has been sidetracked by events.

Israel, therefore, has no cause for joy. French policy does not appear as opportunistic under Mitterand as it did under Valery Giscard d'Estaing. But neither does it conform to Israeli visions.

Mitterand and his defence minister are due in Israel on separate visits in the new year, and only then may Israel know where France stands. Claude Cheysson's visit contributed little to mutual understanding. Instead of clarifying matters, he muddied the waters.

Ottawa parley

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bers has sponsored resolutions on behalf of Viktor Brailovsky, Vladimir Zukerman, Alexander Paritsky, Lev Ovsisher and Andrei Sakharov, all of which have passed unanimously in the House of Commons, said committee member John Fraser.

The rally outside the Soviet embassy was organized by co-chairpersons of the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee, Rabbi Basil Herring and Ruth Berger. Besides Mendelevich, speakers included Sam Grossman of B'nai B'rith and David Bensoussan of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Mendelevich drew attention to the plight of Boris Chernobilsky, whose trial began Dec. 8. Arrested in May, he now faces trumped-up charges for his desire to emigrate. Mendelevich called for quick action before the court sentences Chernobilsky. "Now is not the time for conferences and conversations when each day is valuable," he said.

Resolutions passed in the afternoon workshops included proposals to organized Soviet Jewry committees in major organizations, synagogues, cities and towns to continue political pressure through parliamentarians and letter-writing campaigns.

Co-chairpersons of the conference, Mrs. Stern and Mrs. Leroy, said the "undreamed of response" to the conference showed a growing awareness of the threat to Jewish survival in the Soviet Union.

Schindler address

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On the proposal in Israel's Knesset to amend the law of Return by requiring Orthodox conversion, Rabbi Schindler called for "the collective voice of North American Jewry" to be heard in opposition. Describing the proposal by the Agudath Israel party in the Knesset as "wantonly destructive of Jewish unity," the Reform Jewish leader asked:

"How can any Jewish leader, after Auschwitz, permit the institution of a single selection process at Jerusalem's gates?

"The monster who stood at the gates of that infamous camp imposing the death sentence on our wretched brothers and sisters as they came tumbling out of their squalid box cars did not ask, Is you mother Jewish, or Who converted you? He killed us all. As we died together, we mean to live together.

"We will not accept a secondary status in Jewish life, we refuse to be beggars at Jerusalem's gates. We mean to fight for our full and equal rights as Jews."

Schindler called on the convention to support the current membership drive of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and its Canadian counterpart, Kadima, "so that our struggle for pluralism in Israel can continue with an even greater force until we prevail."

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Members of Wingate Legion Branch keep busy with chess, fund raising

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

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In back row, Shirley Segal and brother Rabbi Aaron Zimmerman, representing Legion's Wingate Branch, challenge Norm Ayalon [left] and Paul Roseman of the JCC.

One of the few "dry" Royal Canadian Legion branches in Canada is the General Wingate — a Jewish branch, where Jewish war veterans would rather talk and raise money for worthy causes than quaff beer.

"Every year we hold a memorial parade in honor of all the Canadian Jews who were killed in all the wars," says Syd Sears, president of the Wingate branch. "We're also active in raising funds for the Israeli Soldiers Athletic Fund."

And in addition to community service, the members of the Wingate also keep active in various bridge tournaments and at their weekly chess club.

The chess club meets every Tuesday and is open to both Legion and non-Legion members. "We have a number of inter-club matches planned," says chess chairman Joe Jurman. "They're friendly matches and we don't really care who wins or loses."

There are only 10 members of the club at the present time, but that was still enough bodies to hold a tournament recently against the Jewish Community Centre's chess club.

"We look forward to these matches," Jurman says, "and in the future we hope to challenge the other Legion branches. We aren't going to sit around here and get mouldy."

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The Jewish Community Centre is holding its fifth annual Chanukah Run for Freedom on Sunday, Dec. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The distances for the run will vary from 2.5 km. to 21 km., with aid stations and refreshments along the way. The event is planned so as to have all joggers arriving at the JCC at 11. Then, a light brunch will be served followed by a menorah lighting ceremony.

There is a $5 registration fee that must be in the JCC phys ed office by Thursday, Dec. 17.

For more information please call Paula Vine at 636-1880, ext. 18 or 51.

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The northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre recently introduced a sports injury clinic that is being manned by Arnie Glatter, a Brampton chiropractor.

Glatter told The CJN he has seen a number of injuries to the lower back area since setting up shop at the JCC. He offers consultation, examination and treatment of problems.

Glatter runs and plays squash to keep active and he says sports have always been of interest to him. He says some patients are skeptical about coming to a chiropractor, but he is hopeful their attitudes will change after a visit or two.

"People are getting fed up with drugs and they're finding that drugs aren't the answer to problems," Glatter says. "All drugs do is kill the pain, but once they wear off the pain is back. I'm trying to get to the cause of the problem."

Clinic hours are Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6 to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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There seems to be a book on the market for every sportsman's taste. And with Chanukah just around the corner these books make ideal gifts.

Heading the list is Desmond Morris' "The Soccer Tribe" (Clarke, Irwin & Company, $29.95). This is a magnificent book that was put together by the same author who wrote the best-selling "The Naked Ape." He has put the same thorough research into The Soccer Tribe that he puts into his scientific papers and the result is pure and utter fascination.

In this coffee table book, Morris draws comparisons between the rituals, superstitions and beliefs of tribesmen and soccer players, coaches and fans. It's an extremely colorful book that contains 580 photos, with close to 500 of them in color.

The book is made up of 44 short chapters with each one examining a certain aspect of the game. Soccer is the most popular game in the world and this book is a must for each and every soccer fan out there. In fact, the book is really so beautiful that it can easily be enjoyed by non-fans.

For lovers of old-time sports writing greats, "Sporting Blood Jack London's Greatest Sports Writing," edited by Howard Lachtman (Presido Press $14.95 U.S.) is highly recommended.

In this collection of many out-of-print pieces, London reports on, among other things, sailing, surfing, boxing, and mountain climbing.

Some say that authors such as Ernest Hemingway and George Plimpton got their idea for first person stories from London.

Every once in a while an exceptional sports novel comes on the market. They're usually few and far between with most of the novels falling into the shlock category. But this year's exception is "Everybody's All-American" by Frank Deford (Penguin, $19.95).

Deford is probably best known as a senior writer with Sports Illustrated. He has been with that highly respected publication for nearly 20 years and over that time has developed a huge following for his crisp, accurate reporting.

This novel examines the life of a pro athlete who, like so many athletes in real life, achieves so much so soon only to lose it almost as quickly as he achieves it.

It's a hard book to put down and is a good lesson for any youngster who might dream of a career as a professional athlete.

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